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A costly predicament for D.C. amid an expected border surge

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

Over a year since busloads of migrants began arriving from Texas and Arizona, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's administration faces a costly predicament: housing and feeding those families at a time when city resources are strained, and an expected surge of border crossings probably means more of those chartered buses coming.

More than 170 buses have arrived in the District from the two states so far, including two from Texas last week, in what began as a protest in April 2022 by Republican governors over President Biden's border policies. The resulting images of families seeking U.S. asylum sleeping on city streets jolted the immigration debate.

While the pace of arrivals has slowed in recent months, illegal border crossings are expected to surpass 10,000 per day after the Biden administration lifted the pandemic-era Title 42 border policy Thursday. And migrants in search of aid are now also arriving in the District on their own by car, plane or commuter bus after failing to find stability in other U.S. cities.

Meanwhile, efforts to find long-term housing for families temporarily housed in three hotels contracted by D.C. have sputtered in the region's pricey housing market, with many of the migrants unable to find steady work, immigrant advocates say. As a result, the problem that D.C. officials initially believed to be temporary has only gotten more complicated.

"Primarily, there is just a lack of

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With the expiration of a pandemic-era U.S. policy and no end to busing of migrants by two states, city expenses have soared

Mandi Buada Rivera waits to ride a bus with her children Javier Andres Buada, 7, left, and Jahir Emanuel Buada, 9, during their morning commute to school in D.C. on April 11. Rivera and her family are staying at a D.C. hotel along with hundreds of migrant families.

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Mercenary chief offered Russian positions to Kyiv

WANTED UKRAINE TO PULL OUT OF BAKHMUT

Wagner owner has feuded with Putin's commanders

BY SHANE HARRIS AND ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

In late January, with his mercenary forces dying by the thousands in a fight for the ruined city of Bakhmut, Wagner Group owner Yevgeniy Prigozhin made Ukraine an extraordinary offer.

Prigozhin said that if Ukraine's commanders withdrew their soldiers from the area around Bakhmut, he would give Kyiv information on Russian troop positions, which Ukraine could use to attack them. Prigozhin conveyed the proposal to his contacts in Ukraine's military intelligence directorate, with whom he has maintained secret communications during the course of the war, according to previously unreported U.S. intelligence documents leaked on the group-chat platform Discord.

Prigozhin has publicly feuded with Russian military commanders, who he furiously claims have failed to equip and resupply his forces, which have provided vital support to Moscow's war effort. But he is also an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who might well regard Prigozhin's offer to trade the lives of Wagner fighters for Russian soldiers as a treasonous betrayal.

The leaked document does not make clear which Russian troop

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BY KAREEM FAHIM, MURAT OZTASKIN AND ZEYNEP KARATAS

ISTANBUL — A pivotal election between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu was thrown into chaos late Sunday after Kilicdaroglu accused his opponents of obstructing the vote and Erdogan expressed confidence that he would ultimately prevail.

"They are blocking the system with repeated objections," Kilicdaroglu said in a televised speech from his party's headquarters after midnight. "There are ballot boxes that have been contested six times. There are ballot boxes that have been contested 11 times.

"We will not allow this to be a fait accompli. Stop messing around with perception management."

Vote tallies carried by two news agencies Sunday — one state-run, the other aligned with the opposition — suggested that

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Raw videos of Texas killings revive a debate over decency

Images that media has long treated gingerly now proliferate rapidly online

BY MARC FISHER AND NAOMI NIX

The shooter who killed eight people outside an outlet mall in Allen, Tex., on May 6 was captured on a dash-cam video as he stood in the middle of a parking lot, methodically murdering people.

The next day, when a driver plowed his SUV into a cluster of men waiting for a bus in Brownsville, Tex., a video showed him speeding into and rolling over so many human beings that the person behind the camera had to pan across nearly a block-long field of mangled bodies, pools of blood and moaning, crying victims to capture the carnage. The driver killed eight people.

These gruesome videos almost instantly appeared on social media and were viewed millions of times before, in many cases, being taken down. Yet they still appear in countless back alleys of the internet.

The footage made clear that the deaths were horrific and the suffering unspeakable. The emotional power of the images would shake almost any viewer. Their rapid dissemination also rekindled an unsettling debate — one that has lingered since the advent of photography: Why does anyone need to see such images?

Images of violence can inform, titillate, or rally people for or against a political view. Ever since 19th-century photographer Mathew Brady made his pioneering photos of fallen soldiers stacked like firewood on Civil War battlefields, news organizations and now social media platforms have grappled with questions of taste, decency, purpose and power that suffuse decisions about whether to fully portray the price of deadly violence.

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Apprenticeships help fight teacher shortages

States send prospective educators to college at no cost and help diversify their ranks

WILLIAM DESHAZER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Lina Horton works with her second-grade class. Horton earned a bachelor's degree in education in three years without spending a dime on tuition through Austin Peay State University in Tennessee.

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

Lina Horton was a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with plans to become her family's first college graduate, an enormous achievement for a young woman who had started kindergarten knowing little English after moving from Puerto Rico. Then, her mother died suddenly and she became pregnant. Grieving and needing to provide for her child, she dropped out days into her second semester. She was crushed.

A half-dozen years later, Horton was working as an education assistant in her hometown of Clarksville, Tenn. Raising two children with the help of an aunt, returning to school felt out of reach. But in 2019, she learned about a pilot program in her district that would allow her to keep working while taking night classes at Austin Peay State University toward a bachelor's degree in education and a teaching certification. Best of all, it was free.

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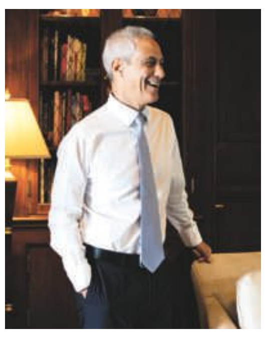

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To fight shortages, states pay for teachers' college

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"I knew that it was something that I would be interested in, because I would be able to work," Horton said.

Horton is part of a grand experiment to see what happens when the apprenticeship model — used to train generations of plumbers, electricians and carpenters — is applied to teaching, allowing trainees to earn money while they learn their craft and earn their credentials. In exchange, many of the programs require graduates commit a certain number of years of service in high-needs schools.

Apprenticeships have also been hailed as a way to alleviate a persistent teacher shortage that has threatened student achievement, diversifying and broadening the teacher ranks, especially as interest in teaching plummets among undergraduates. And they give people like Horton, promising educators who can't afford to return to college, a path to a higher-paying career.

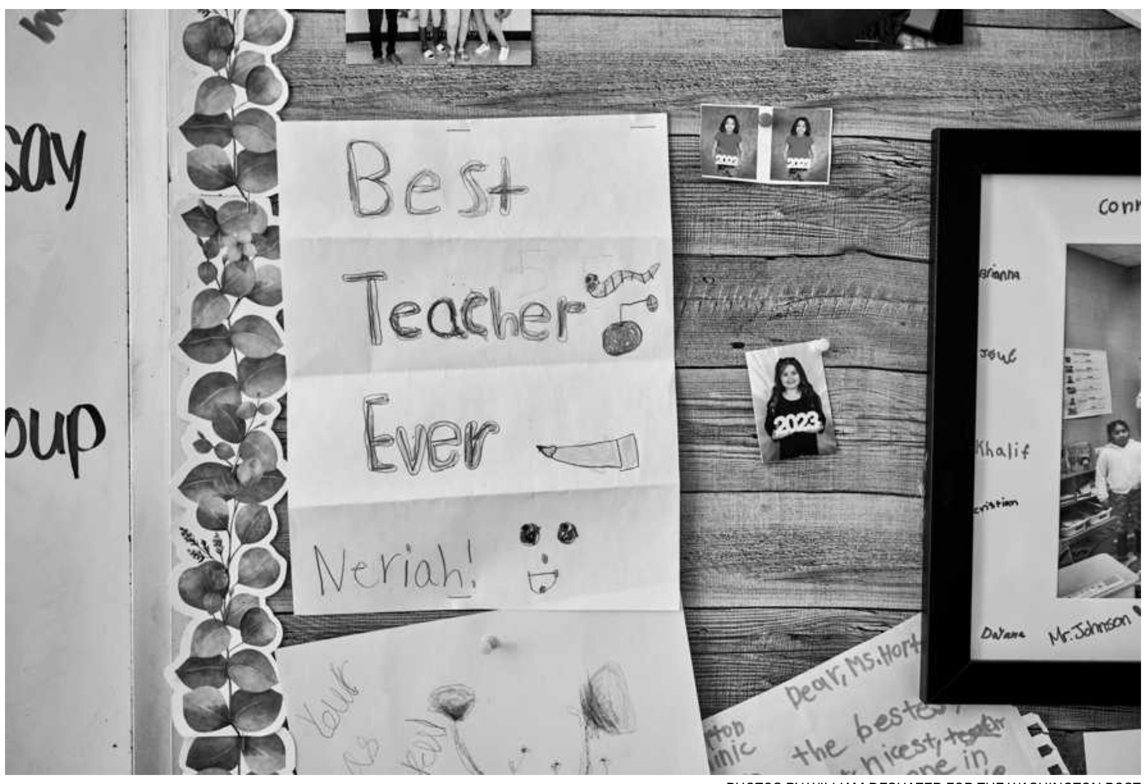
While debates rage over transgender student rights and the teaching of race and U.S. history, teacher apprenticeships are a rare education policy initiative that have bipartisan support. Teaching apprenticeships have been championed by New America, a left-leaning think tank. The Biden administration embraces them — Jill Biden, the first lady, invited a teacher apprentice to be her guest at this year's State of the Union address — as do many GOP-led states such as West Virginia, where an apprenticeship program is taking on 200 teacher trainees, and Iowa, which now has 17 programs in the state.

Programs like the one at Austin Peay State have been around for years, but they have often been small in scale and had inconsistent sources of funding. Facing dire teacher shortages during the pandemic, many states expanded this type of training using pandemic relief funds. Now teaching apprenticeships are getting a major boost from the Labor Department, which last year began offering them federal certification, a distinction that gives them access to millions in job-training funds. Over the past 17 months, programs in 16 states have been certified, including some poised to take on hundreds of trainees.

David Donaldson, the former director of human capital in Tennessee, was one of the drivers of the inaugural program in that state. He now runs a nonprofit that offers technical assistance to states wanting to create teaching apprenticeships. Donaldson said inspiration for the idea came from his father, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and his mother, a preschool teacher.

"Both are forms of public service — the military and education," Donaldson said in an interview earlier this year. But only one parent, his father, received a free education in exchange for years of service. It has informed the credo that has defined his career: "We truly believe that you should be able to become a teacher for free and get paid to do so in America. And we're proving it in multiple states now that it's possible."

Staff shortages have plagued many pockets of the country, forcing some schools to pare down classes, hire unqualified adults or put students in self-guided online courses. Teachers matter more for student achievement than any other aspect of schooling and can influence whether a child graduates high school, attends college and earns more as an adult. One of the drivers of the shortage is that interest in teaching is plummeting, a decline chalked up to low pay and deteriorating work conditions. In the 2018-2019 school year, colleges and universities awarded about 90,000 undergraduate education degrees, compared with 200,000 in the early 1970s.



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Lina Horton works in small groups with her second grade students. The apprenticeship model Horton followed allows trainees to earn money while they learn their craft and earn their credentials.

But the popularity of the apprenticeship programs suggests there is an untapped talent pool: people who have the desire and the heart — but not the financial means — to become a teacher. What schools have found is that many of the people who fall into that category are already working for them in roles that do not require bachelor's degrees, like Horton. The graduates of the Austin Peay State program, which graduated 34 people in its inaugural class, include several former teaching assistants and at least one former school janitor, who now teaches math. There are more than 200 teacher apprentices in various stages of the program now, according Prentice T. Chandler, the dean of the university's school of education.

Mississippi has one of the nation's worst teacher shortages, a problem driven in part by low teacher pay and an a state legislature that has for years funded schools with less money than the state's formula demands. This year, the state is spending nearly $10 million to educate 200 trainees for its teacher residency, about $50,000 per person, in a program that covers the cost of tuition at one of five universities while allowing participants to work in school districts. It has already proven beneficial for school districts like the one in Sunflower County.

"There will never be a long line of individuals who are lined up to move to the Mississippi Delta," said Will Murphy, who manages hiring and recruitment for Sunflower County Consolidated School District, which, like many school systems in the Mississippi Delta, serves a student body that is overwhelmingly Black and poor. "We have to be intentional about growing people in our district and training up a next wave."

The residency has helped a half-dozen employees earn degrees and teaching certification while they were employed by a school district. One is Camilla Potts, a high school history teacher who won the district's teacher of the year award days after graduating. Potts sent her own children to school in the district and was a health educator before deciding to return to college — and to the classroom — to become a teacher.

School leaders say there are clear benefits from recruiting from within their ranks and their communities. The teaching profession has long struggled to diversify, even as the proportion of public school children of color grows. By intentionally recruiting local candidates, districts have been able to build teaching candidate pools that better reflect the demographics of the community. They have also had success recruiting from the ranks of teacher assistants, who are more diverse than teachers.

Tabitha Grossman of the National Center for Teacher Residencies said removing financial barriers has been key in recruiting more teachers of color.

"If we really want to diversify the profession, we have to make the profession financially accessible," Grossman said. Residencies and apprenticeships "make the profession a lot more accessible, particularly for candidates of color who don't have the generational wealth to not work for a period of time."

More than two decades ago, Nebraska studied why schools on its tribal reservations were faring so poorly. One factor they identified: There was only one Native teacher among the dozens educating Native students. The result was the Indigenous Roots Teacher Education Program, through which aspiring Native educators could receive a bachelor's degree at no cost while being employed by their local schools. The federally funded program required participants to spend two or three years working in schools with Native students and has put 59 Native teachers in schools across the state.

Many were like Nepthys Justo, who was in her late 20s and living on the Santee Sioux Reservation. She badly wanted to become a certified teacher and had taken education classes at her local community college. But the nearest university was more than an hour's drive away, and she had three children to care for. She made the commute for an entire semester before learning about the Roots program, which allowed her to take classes online and remain in her community. She graduated with her bachelor's in education in 2007, and then returned to the program to get her master's in curriculum and instruction in 2013. She's working on her third degree now with Roots — a master's degree in administration.

Justo, 45, said living on the reservation and having Santee Sioux roots means she has a connection with students and families that would be difficult to forge if she were an outsider. She knows the parents of her students because she grew up with them — and sees them at the grocery store and at community events. Part of that bond, too, comes from the tragedies she's endured: As a young girl, her mother died in a drunken-driving accident, and she was subsequently separated from her siblings. It has allowed her to relate to children who witness their parents' struggles with substance abuse.

"As a people, we have gone through so much trauma. … We carry that generational trauma with us, and it's something that we're trying to overcome, but it's still there," said Justo, who teaches at the Isanti Community School. "Just having that understanding" has helped her connect with students.

Back in Clarksville, Tenn., in August of last year, Horton donned a cap and gown and crossed the stage at Austin Peay State University to receive her bachelor's degree in education. Relatives had come in from neighboring states to watch her become the first in the family to earn a college degree. Her children, 8-year-old Luke and 10-year-old Sofia Emeagwai, witnessed the moment.

She believes there are more people out there with the potential to be great educators. All they need, she said, is a little boost.

"There are many people who are gifted," she said. "It just takes someone lending a hand to bring out the gifts."

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POLITICS & THE NATION

After red-state shootings, a slow Republican reckoning

Even as the GOP opposes gun control, support for measures is increasing

BY KARIN BRULLIARD AND ANNIE GOWEN

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Protesters hold signs outside a prayer service on May 7 in Allen, Tex., where a gunman killed eight people at a nearby mall.

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Abel Lopez, whose son, Xavier Lopez, was killed in last year's school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., holds a banner honoring the victims at the state House earlier this month.

In firearm-friendly Texas, two Republicans on a House committee helped advance a bill to raise the minimum age to buy AR-15-style weapons. In Tennessee, a Republican governor known for championing looser gun laws has called a special legislative session to consider tighter ones "to strengthen the safety" of the state. In North Carolina, the GOP-dominated legislature dropped a proposal to allow gun owners to carry concealed weapons without a permit.

In several capitols across red America, gun-control advocates say they are seeing faint — if, sometimes, fleeting — fissures in what has long been staunch Republican opposition to any whiff of firearms restriction. The small shifts have come amid a gruesome torrent of mass killings in red states, including shootings at a school in Tennessee, a bank in Kentucky, a home outside Houston and, earlier this month, at a suburban Dallas outlet mall where eight were killed.

The shootings have called into question GOP support for allowing more people access to weapons to stem violence and demonstrate support for constitutional rights.

The hints of change cut against of broader trends in GOP-controlled states, where Republicans have generally expanded gun access in recent years while pointing to mental illness as the cause of a mass shooting epidemic. Lawmakers in Nebraska and Florida passed permitless carry this year, and in a sign that the legislative majority still defends gun rights, Republican leaders in Texas let the age-minimum measure die before a full House vote.

But advocates for gun restrictions say they view any consideration of firearms control — and even some recent pauses in the march to loosen regulations — as notable signs that the outcry over rising gun violence and death in red states may be cracking Republican resolve on the issue. Between 2020 and 2022, death rates from firearms in states with GOP-controlled legislatures outpaced rates in blue states, according to a Washington Post analysis of CDC data, including about a 50 percent higher rate of deaths from firearm assaults and around a 35 percent higher rate of mass killings.

"The fact that we're seeing Republican leaders ask for some type of gun safety reform is new. For the last 20, 30 years, we haven't been able to get Republicans to talk about this issue, let alone move on it," said Sean Holihan, state legislative director at the gun-control group Giffords. "In these communities that have been devastated by mass shootings and gun deaths, I think there is a universal cry to do something."

The signs, he cautioned, may be temporary, spurred by mass murders that in some cases have hit shockingly close to home. In March, a former student fatally shot three children and three employees at the private Covenant School, just 17 miles from the Tennessee Capitol; Republican Gov. Bill Lee and his wife counted two victims, a substitute teacher and the head of the Christian school, as close friends. The state is at a "pivotal moment" of potential change, Lee said on April 19.

"I've seen a big shift," said state Rep. Caleb Hemmer, a Democrat from a swing district in the suburbs of Nashville. "The gun issue and the Covenant tragedy have transcended partisan lines, religious lines, and traditional Republican constituencies."

Tennessee is one of the deadliest states for gun violence and has some of the nation's laxest gun measures, according to the Everytown for Gun Safety, which advocates for gun control and analyzes state measures. Before the Covenant shooting, Republican lawmakers were considering bills to lower the age of permitless carry from 21 to 18 and another measure to arm teachers — proposals that were set aside after the tragedy.

Those sorts of efforts to expand gun rights continue to move forward in several states. Twenty-seven states now require no permit — and no training — to carry a handgun, 12 more than in 2020. Mississippi enacted a law allowing teachers to be armed, and Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas are all advancing similar proposals.

Seven GOP-led legislatures have passed laws this year that in some way discourage companies and funds from endorsing gun control. Oklahoma now allows gun owners to carry weapons on boats. Utah lawmakers prohibited the state from enforcing federal firearms restrictions and rejected waiting periods for gun purchases and a safe storage law.

In some cases, small victories celebrated by gun-control advocates have been tempered by movement in the other direction.

In early May, the North Carolina House surprised observers by dropping a permitless carry bill that had sailed through committees, the kind of modest win that has given advocates optimism this spring. But one month before, its Republican supermajority overrode a veto by Gov. Roy Cooper (D) of a bill allowing handgun purchases without a permit.

In South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster (R) has urged lawmakers to pass stiffer penalties for illegal gun possession in response to rising homicides. But McMaster also supports a permitless carry bill that has passed a Senate committee.

Elsewhere, Republican movement on gun control is near-microscopic but, advocates contend, not meaningless. Everytown activists in South Dakota — whose Republican governor boasted at an NRA convention last month that her 2-year-old granddaughter owns a shotgun and a rifle — celebrated hearings on measures to require the safe storage and red-flag laws, which can result in the seizure of guns from people deemed a risk to themselves or others, as "a historic step in the right direction," though committees rejected both.

In Texas, during the first legislative session since 19 students and two teachers were fatally shot at a Uvalde elementary school last year, gun legislation has also seemed more neutral than in previous years, advocates on both sides said. Wes Virdell, state director of Gun Owners of America, called the session "lackluster," with his group's priority bills mostly stalled. That is partly because the 2021 passage of permitless carry gave gun rights activists a sense that "the battle was won," he said, but also because of the endless cadence of mass killings.

"Emotions are high, and Republicans don't want to push any of that issue, as far as the pro-gun side of it, right now," Virdell said.

Texas lawmakers are expected to pass and spend millions of dollars on school safety measures, including one that would mandate at least one armed employee on every school campus. They are also considering budgeting $4.2 million for a program that helps people experiencing early symptoms of psychosis — an investment mental health advocates say is welcome but not an answer for gun violence, the majority of which is not attributable to mental illness.

Meanwhile, gun-control advocates had more opportunity to testify before a new House committee, formed in the wake of the Uvalde shooting, that focused on gun safety, said Nicole Golden, executive director of Texas Gun Sense, an organization advocating tightened access to weapons.

She said her group has felt less on the defense than in years when Republicans seemed determined to expand access to weapons.

Then, last Monday, Uvalde parents amassed at the Capitol to push for the age minimum bill. Proponents argue it could have stopped the 18-year-old Uvalde shooter from purchasing the weapons he used. During the committee hearing, Republican Reps. Sam Harless and Justin Holland stunned activists when they voted to advance the measure.

Harless, who did not respond to an interview request, told NPR after the vote that "shootings right now are just happening too often." In a Twitter statement, Holland emphasized his A-rating from the NRA, which he acknowledged might now be in jeopardy.

"I do not believe in gun control," Holland added. But, he said, "I became convinced that this small change to the law might serve as a significant roadblock to a young person (not old enough to buy tobacco or alcohol) acquiring a specific type of semiautomatic rifle intent upon using it in a destructive and illegal manner."

A third Republican not on the committee, Rep. Frederick Frazier — who had been shopping at the Allen outlet mall an hour before the shooting there — told a local television network that it was "absolutely" time to consider restrictions.

"My phone has been blowing up with constituents asking, 'What are we doing?' And these are folks that voted for me," he said.

Gun-control advocates were elated, though their victory was short-lived. The deadline for scheduling a floor vote on the measure expired a day later, killing the bill for the year.

Still, the committee vote was "a milestone achievement," Golden said, and the Republicans' statements remarkable. "That is a shift, a total shift. … Maybe those relationships can be built upon."

Republicans in Tennessee have been in a state of disarray since the Covenant shooting, which prompted demonstrators to crowd the halls of the state capitol, demanding gun-control measures. A vote by the Republican-dominated House to expel two young Black Democratic lawmakers who led protests in the chamber only seemed to invigorate the outcry.

In the days following the shooting, Lee appeared to soften his stance on gun control, signing an executive order to tighten background checks and citing "recent tragedies."

He then began a push for an "order of protection law" allowing the temporary confiscation of firearms from people a judge determines are a risk to themselves or others. His lieutenant governor, a Republican, also said he supported such a measure, though neither referred to it by a more common label that is toxic on the right: a red-flag law, versions of which have been passed by 19 other states and D.C.

In an April 19 video asking the legislature to pass the measure, Lee referred to "pragmatic leaders who collectively stepped outside their party lines to do what they thought was the right thing, changing the course of history for the better."

The suggestion outraged members of Lee's party. "Any red-flag law is a non-starter," the Tennessee House Republicans said on Twitter.

The legislature adjourned unexpectedly early without taking up Lee's request. Lee then said he would call members back for a special session on firearms and public safety on Aug. 21. The governor's spokeswoman, Jade Byers, did not return emails requesting comment.

John Harris III, executive director of the Tennessee Firearms Association, said in an interview that Lee is "emotionally responding to an extreme event" with an idea that has little backing among Republicans.

"The governor can call a cow patty a chocolate cake, but if it looks and smells like a cow patty, that's what it is," Harris said of Lee's rejection of the "red flag" label.

The stiff GOP opposition has led to muted expectations among Democrats and advocates for August's special session.

But some Tennessee Republicans have broken ranks. In a letter to the Tennessean last month, the state's former GOP chairman, Brent Leatherwood, the father of three children who survived the Covenant shooting, urged elected officials to "oppose evil and protect innocent lives" by passing Lee's proposal.

"It is true we live in a world tainted by terrible acts and deeds, but that is never an excuse for inaction," wrote Leatherwood, now president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

Vanderbilt University researchers found in a semiannual survey — conducted after the March school shooting — that 82 percent of Tennessean voters support Lee's executive order on gun background checks, while three-quarters support a red-flag law.

The pollsters also detected a sea change, the school said: In all previous surveys since 2012, respondents ranked guns last or nearly last among 10 state government priorities. In April, guns ranked third, behind education and the economy.

In the weeks since the Covenant shooting, a small group of mothers — many of them Republicans — formed Voices for a Safer Tennessee, a bipartisan nonprofit to advocate for gun safety legislation.

Co-founder Jennifer Hellmer, 38, an attorney, gun owner and mother of two, said she was trapped in her car at an intersection about 200 yards away from Covenant as police responded to the shooting, and she watched small children flee.

After the shooting, "people were speaking out about guns differently than I had seen before," said Hellmer, a Republican. "The conversation was changing."

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With a Bible and gun, a pastor tends to an unsettled city

Pastor Isaiah Stewart's ministry in New Orleans has gone beyond consoling people touched by gun violence by teaching them how to use firearms

BY HOLLY BAILEY

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Pastor Isaiah Stewart works with LauKisha Bering-Watson while teaching a concealed-carry class at his church in New Orleans. Firearms belonging to Stewart that he uses while teaching a concealed-carry class. Stewart teaches a student during a class last year. "I know people will say, 'Why is this happening in a church?' " Stewart said. "But if you read the Bible, Jesus told the disciples to protect themselves. . . . And that's what I am doing. Helping people who want to protect themselves."

NEW ORLEANS — Pastor Isaiah Stewart long ago lost count of the number of funerals he's presided over as he has sought to bring comfort to a city stricken by a cycle of gun violence that seems never-ending.

"Just when you think it's hit this level of bad, really bad, somehow it gets worse," Stewart said on a recent afternoon. "You pray to find the words, but sometimes it's hard to know what to say anymore."

The next morning, Stewart would officiate at a memorial for a 19-year-old teenager who had been shot and killed, another victim of the so-called "street justice" that has unnerved residents of this storied Southern city and led elected officials to call what is happening here a public health crisis.

"Died on the same day, on the same street, in the same way in which his dad was killed three years ago," Stewart said.

The pastor went quiet for a moment, contemplating what his message from the pulpit could be to a woman who had lost her husband to violence and was now preparing to bury her son, two circumstances of unimaginable heartbreak a few years apart. "I'm at a loss," he finally said. "What do you even say? What can I possibly say that would make her feel better?"

Lord willing, the words would come. Stewart would bring his weathered Bible. But underneath his pastoral robe, he would wear his bulletproof vest and a utility belt that holds his 9mm pistol — a form of protection in a city where even funerals have been disrupted by gunfire.

In recent years, Stewart's ministry had gone far beyond consoling victims of gun violence — into teaching churchgoers and other New Orleanians how to use a gun to protect themselves in a city where police don't always come when you dial 911.

A minister of peace, Stewart was also a man of practicality.

"This is our reality," he said. "At lot of times, it feels like you're on your own."

Stewart, the 39-year-old executive pastor at the House of Healing Outreach Church in the Mid-City neighborhood, has had an uncomfortably close seat to the anguish of a city that for generations has struggled with one of the highest murder rates in the country.

Gun battles on the street outside his church have sent bullets flying; a bloodied victim shot outside once scrambled through the front door of the small orange brick chapel on Conti Street seeking refuge during one Sunday service. Nearly every member of the church has been touched by gun violence in some way or another — including parishioners who have been shot or lost family or friends to the gunfire that has become a near-daily soundtrack for many residents across the city.

As a minister, Stewart, a Bay Area native who moved to New Orleans 20 years ago, has devoted much of his life preaching to young people, trying to keep them from falling into the pattern of violence that has made murder a leading cause of death for young Black men in the city. He has urged them to turn away from what he calls the "crazy life" and gravitate toward peace.

But Stewart cannot recall a time when the streets here felt so unsettled, so turbulent.

Gunfire that used to be heard mostly at night now erupts more frequently during the day, a level of brazenness that some here believe is a symptom of perpetrators who feel they have nothing to fear from law enforcement. While residents in poorer, predominantly Black neighborhoods continue to bear the brunt of the bloodshed, shocking incidents of violence had spread to other parts of the city.

A shooting killed one and injured four others, including a child, at a parade during the city's Mardi Gras festivities in February. In April, patrons at a packed Mid-City restaurant along Canal Street were forced to dive for cover when a gunman opened fire from the sidewalk. A waiter, who police said was the target of the attack, was fatally shot. A tourist in town for the city's annual Jazz & Heritage Festival was wounded by a bullet that came through a wall.

Earlier this month, a bus packed with schoolchildren paused to avoid gunfire while transporting them home from classes. Police told the Times Picayune that one of the alleged shooters had warned the driver to stop to avoid the crossfire. Miraculously, no one was injured.

New Orleans' homicide rate is far from the record-setting heights of the mid-1990s, when a proliferation of killings earned it a reputation as the murder capital of the country. But the 265 murders reported across the city last year were the highest recorded since the murky floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina devastated the city nearly 20 years ago.

Like other major cities, New Orleans has suffered an exodus of police officers in recent years. The force of roughly 900 officers, down nearly 400 since 2018, and hundreds short of the budgeted 1,600 members, has struggled to keep up with surging reports of violent crime, including shootings, robberies and carjackings. On some nights, fewer than half a dozen officers patrol this expansive part of Mid-City because of staffing shortages, according to local reports. Last summer, one wearied officer walked off the job mid-shift, one of the many openings that the city has struggled to fill.

"Fifteen minutes to never, that's their response time. And most of the time, it feels like never," Stewart said, reflecting the frustrations of residents who complain that their 911 calls often go unanswered.

At a recent news conference, Mayor LaToya Cantrell (D) touted statistics that suggested homicides, carjackings and nonfatal shootings so far this year were slightly down compared with the same period in 2022. But to many people here, including Stewart, it doesn't feel that way.

Outside the barbershop where Stewart gets his hair cut, a man was shot twice and wounded by a group of kids who had tried to rob him and steal his car. A woman he knew was carjacked by kids who threatened to shoot her. Lately, his congregants seemed more scared than ever, fearful of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Stewart understands the fear. Several years ago, he was in his car in Uptown New Orleans when an armed group ran up and tried to carjack him. He wasn't in a fancy car. "It was an old Pontiac. I had a clergy sticker on it, my Dillard University alumni sticker," Stewart said, referring to the historic Black university in New Orleans. "I thought, 'You are going to jack me for this?'"

Stewart already had a concealed-carry permit but didn't have the gun in the car. He escaped by opening the door and punching the gas, knocking down his young assailants as he drove away — a lucky break that he worried would not happen again. For him, it was a moment of clarity: It wasn't enough to simply own a gun or have that weapon in an accessible place. He needed to learn how to use it.

Shortly after, he went to a local gun range to practice shooting. "I was like the only Black man there," Stewart recalled. One day, a man in a jacket covered with Confederate flag patches approached him. Stewart braced for a confrontation, but instead the man offered advice on his form. "I realized that this was kind of breaking racial barriers. This White guy talking to a Black guy about guns," he recalled.

Stewart thought about other Black people who owned guns but didn't have a license or know how to properly use them, perhaps intimidated by what he describes as a "White-male-dominated gun industry." Over time, Stewart became a licensed firearms instructor, and when demand for guns skyrocketed during the pandemic in response to surging violent crime, he began to see teaching people about guns as part of his calling as a pastor.

Gun violence is deadly, Stewart said, "but so is having a gun that you don't know how to properly use."

Now, at least one Saturday a month inside the small chapel here, Stewart presides over a separate ministry that increasingly takes up more of his time. He teaches beleaguered New Orleans residents how to obtain a concealed-weapons permit and use a gun.

"I know people will say, 'Why is this happening in a church?' " Stewart said. "But if you read the Bible, Jesus told the disciples to protect themselves. . . . And to me, as a pastor, I am to look after people. And that's what I am doing. Helping people who want to protect themselves."

Stewart's day-long classes are capped at about 20 people and include hours of instruction about Louisiana gun laws and their rights as gun owners. He instructs people on how to properly store and use a gun, including having attendees practice with a plastic dummy firearm, along with other self-defense tactics. The group spends hours practicing at a local range.

At first, only a handful of people showed up for Stewart's classes, but demand has steadily increased. He estimates that he helped certify at least 300 people last year for concealed-carry permits. His classes have been predominantly people of color — and, lately, many of his students have been women.

At one recent class, one of students was LauKisha Bering-Watson, a 48-year-old Uber driver. Days before, she had been delivering a food order when someone tried to carjack her. Afterward, she purchased a gun and signed up for one of Stewart's classes. She had never fired a gun before, but could not afford to stop working.

"This is my livelihood," Behring-Watson said during the class. "I cannot let fear stop me from working."

Like many across the city, Stewart sees no easy solution to the deep societal problems that plague his adopted hometown, a city he fiercely loves and is devoted to despite the many existential challenges that make it hard for people to live and thrive there.

A place that is so attractive to — and increasingly dependent economically — on tourists had long provided little in the way of opportunity for young people in a city stricken by deep racial and economic inequality. "These kids that are out there doing this stuff, they have no hope," he said. "This life, it gets them at a younger and younger age, and it's hard to pull them away, to show them there's a different way."

Stewart worries about how much more the city and its residents can take. New Orleans always seemed to be bracing for the next hurricane, the next big storm, but to him, they were already caught in a different kind of storm, one with no end in sight.

He steadied himself for the funeral of the 19-year-old. It was the first memorial he had officiated for a young person in the city in nearly two years. He had stopped doing them after teenagers showed up with guns at a memorial for another boy who had been shot and killed, because it felt too dangerous.

But how he could he refuse this family? "My mother doesn't want me to do it, but my wife said, 'This is your job,' " Stewart said. "And it is. So I will be there, in my robe. But under my robe, I will have on my bulletproof vest. . . . That's the reality of this city."

From left, LauKisha Bering-Watson, Tuan Nguyen and Artanisha Cunningham display their targets at the Shooters Club gun range in Harahan, La., in November last year.

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Platforms grapple with the spread of gory images

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sought to filter out pictures of explicit violence or bloody injuries that could generate complaints that such graphic imagery is offensive or dehumanizing. But such policies have historically come with exceptions, some of which have galvanized popular sentiments. The widely published photo of the mangled body of the lynched 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955 played a key role in building the civil rights movement. And although many news organizations decided in 2004 not to publish explicit photos of torture by U.S. service members at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, the images that did circulate widely contributed to a shift in public opinion against the war in Iraq, according to several studies.

More recently, the gruesome video of a police officer killing George Floyd on a Minneapolis street in 2020 was repeatedly published across all manner of media, sparking a mass movement to confront police violence against Black Americans.

Following the killings in Allen and Brownsville, traditional news organizations, including The Washington Post, mostly steered clear of publishing the most grisly images.

"Those were not close calls," said J. David Ake, director of photography for the Associated Press, which did not use the Texas videos. "We are not casual at all about these decisions, and we do need to strike a balance between telling the truth and being sensitive to the fact that these are people who've been through something horrific. But I am going to err on the side of humanity and children."

But even as news organizations largely showed restraint, the Allen video spread widely on Twitter, YouTube, Reddit and other platforms, shared in part by individuals who expressed anguish at the violence and called for a change in gun policies.

"I thought long and hard about whether to share the horrific video showing the pile of bodies from the mass shooting," tweeted Jon Cooper, a Democratic activist and former Suffolk County, N.Y., legislator. He wrote that he decided to post the video, which was then viewed more than a million times, because "maybe — just maybe — people NEED to see this video, so they'll pressure their elected officials until they TAKE ACTION."

Others who posted the video used it to make false claims about the shooter, such as the notion that he was a Black supremacist who shouted anti-White slogans before killing his victims.

From government-monitored decisions about showing deaths during World War II to friction over explicit pictures of devastated civilians during the Vietnam War and on to the debate over depictions of mass killing victims in recent years, editors, news consumers, tech companies and relatives of murdered people have made compelling but opposing arguments about how much gore to show. The dilemma has only grown more complicated in this time of information overload, when more Americans are saying they avoid the news because, as a Reuters Institute study found last year, they feel overwhelmed and the news darkens their mood. And the infinite capacity of the internet has upped the ante for grisly images, making it harder for any single image to provoke the widespread outrage that some believe can translate into positive change.

Recent cutbacks in content moderation teams at companies such as Twitter have also accelerated the spread of disturbing videos, experts said.

"The fact that very graphic images from the shooting in Texas showed up on Twitter is more likely to be content moderation failure than an explicit policy," said Vivian Schiller, executive director of Aspen Digital and former president of NPR and head of news at Twitter. Twitter's media office responded to an emailed request for comment with only a poop emoji, the company's now-standard response to press inquiries.

Efforts to study whether viewing gruesome images alters popular opinion, changes public policy or affects the behavior of potential killers have generally been unsuccessful, social scientists say.

"There's never been any solid evidence that publishing more grisly photos of mass shootings would produce a political response," said Michael Griffin, a professor of media and cultural studies at Macalester College who studies media practices regarding war and conflict. "It's good for people to be thinking about these questions, but advocates for or against publication are basing their views on their own moral instincts and what they would like to see happen."

The widely available videos of the two incidents in Texas resurfaced long-standing conflicts over the publication of images of death stemming from wars, terrorist attacks or shootings.

One side argues that widespread dissemination of gruesome images of dead and wounded victims is sensationalistic, emotionally abusive, insensitive to the families of victims and ultimately serves little purpose other than to inure people to horrific violence. The other side contends that media organizations and online platforms ought not to proclaim themselves arbiters of what the public can see, and should instead deliver the unvarnished truth, either to shock people into political action or simply to allow the public to make its own assessment of how policy decisions play out.

Schiller said news organizations are sometimes right to publish graphic images of mass killings. "Those images are a critical record of both a specific crime but also the horrific and unrelenting crisis of gun violence in the U.S. today," she said. "Graphic images can drive home the reality of what automatic weapons do to a human body — the literal human carnage."

It's not clear, however, that horrific images spur people to protest or action. "Some gruesome images cause public outrage and maybe even government action, but some result in a numbing effect or compassion fatigue," said Folker Hanusch, a University of Vienna journalism professor who has written extensively about how media outlets report on death. "I'm skeptical that showing such imagery can really result in lasting social change, but it's still important that journalists show well-chosen moments that convey what really happened."

Others argue that even though any gory footage taken down by the big tech companies will nonetheless find its way onto many other sites, traditional news organizations and social media companies should still set a standard to signify what is unacceptable fare for a mass audience.

The late writer Tom Wolfe derisively dubbed the gatekeepers of the mainstream media "Victorian gentlemen," worried about protecting their audience from disturbing images. Throughout the last half-century, media critics

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TOP: Adriana Rosales, left, is consoled by Therese Badiki on May 7 as she weeps at a makeshift memorial outside Allen Premium Outlets in Allen, Tex., where a day earlier a gunman killed eight people before being shot dead by police. ABOVE: Shooting victims are covered by white sheets at the mall in Allen on May 6. After that mass killing, traditional news organizations mostly did not publish the most grisly images, but a video of the shooting spread widely on social media platforms.

have urged editors to give their readers and viewers a more powerful and visceral sense of what gun violence, war and terrorism do to their victims.

Early in the Iraq War, New York columnist Pete Hamill asked why U.S. media were not depicting dead soldiers. "What we get to see is a war filled with wrecked vehicles: taxis, cars, Humvees, tanks, gasoline trucks," he wrote. "We see almost no wrecked human beings. . . . In short, we are seeing a war without blood."

After pictures of abuses at Abu Ghraib appeared, it was "as though, rather suddenly, the gloves have come off, and the war seems less sanitized," wrote Michael Getler, then the ombudsman at The Post.

Still, news consumers have often made clear that they appreciate restraint. In a 2004 survey, two-thirds of Americans told Pew Research Center that news organizations were right to withhold images of the charred bodies of four U.S. contractors killed in Fallujah, Iraq. Images of mass shooting victims have been published even less frequently than grisly pictures of war dead, journalism historians have found. "Mass shootings happen to 'us,' while war is happening 'over there,' to 'them,' " Griffin said. "So there's much more resistance to publication of grisly images of mass shootings, much more sensitivity to the feelings" of families of victims.

But despite decades of debate, no consensus has developed about when to use graphic images. "There's no real pattern, not for war images, not for natural disasters, not for mass shootings," Hanusch said. "Journalists are very wary of their audience castigating them for publishing images they don't want to see."

Ake, the AP photo director, said that over the years, "we probably have loosened our standards when it comes to war images. But at the same time, with school shootings, we might have tightened them a little" to be sensitive to the concerns of parents.

For decades, many argued that decisions to show explicit images of dead and mangled bodies during the Vietnam War helped shift public opinion against the war.

But when social scientists dug into news coverage from that era, they found that pictures of wounded and dead soldiers and civilians appeared only rarely. And in a similar historical survey of coverage of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, images of the dead and wounded made up fewer than 5 percent of news photos, as noted by professors at Arizona State and Rutgers universities.

Some iconic images from the Vietnam War — the running, nude Vietnamese girl who was caught in a napalm attack, for example — gained their full historic import only after the war.

In the digital age, publication decisions by editors and social media managers can sometimes feel less relevant because once images are published somewhere, they spread virtually uncontrollably throughout the world.

"People are just getting a fire hose of feeds on their phones, and it's decontextualized," Griffin said. "They don't even know where the images come from."

The flood of images, especially on highly visual platforms such as Instagram and TikTok, diminishes the impact of pictures that show what harm people have done to one another, Griffin said, pointing to the example of the photo of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi, the Syrian refugee found washed ashore on a Turkish beach, a powerful and disturbing image from 2017 that many people then compared with iconic pictures from the Vietnam War.

"At the time, people said this is going to be like the napalm girl from Vietnam and really change people's minds," Griffin said. "But that didn't happen."

Social media companies face pressure to set standards and enforce them either before grisly images are posted or immediately after they surface. With every new viral video from a mass killing, critics blast the social media platforms for being inconsistent or insufficiently rigorous in taking down sensational or grisly images; the companies say they enforce their rules with algorithms that filter out many abuses, with their content moderator staffs and with reports from users.

Soon after the Allen shooting, a Twitter moderator told a user who complained about publication of the gruesome video that the images did not violate the site's policy on violent content, the BBC reported. But a day later, images of dead bodies at the mall — bloody, crumpled, slumped against a wall — were taken down.

Although the biggest social media platforms eventually removed the video, images of the shooter firing his weapon and photos of the shooter sprawled on his back, apparently already dead, are still widely available, for example on Reddit, which has placed a red "18 NSFW" warning on links to the video, indicating that the images are intended for adults and are "not safe for work."

A moderator of Reddit's "r/masskillers" forum told his audience that the platform's managers had changed their policy, requiring images of dead victims to be removed.

"Previously, only livestreams of shootings and manifestos from the perpetrators were prohibited," the moderator wrote. Now, "[g]raphic content of victims of mass killings is generally going to be something admins are going to take down, so we'll have to comply with that."

The group, which has 147,000 members, focuses on mass killings, but its rules prohibit users from sharing or asking for live streams of shootings or manifestos from shooters.

After the attack in Allen, YouTube "quickly removed violative content . . . in accordance with our Community Guidelines," said Jack Malon, a spokesman for the company. In addition, he said, to make sure users find verified information, "our systems are prominently surfacing videos from authoritative sources in search and recommendations."

At Meta, videos and photos depicting dead bodies outside the mall were removed and "banked," creating a digital fingerprint that automatically removes the images when someone tries to upload them.

But people often find ways to post such videos even after companies have banned them, and Griffin argued that "you can't get away anymore with 'Oh, we took it down quickly,' because it's going to spread. There is no easy solution."

Tech platforms such as Google, Meta and TikTok generally prohibit particularly violent or graphic content. But those companies often make exceptions for newsworthy images, and it can take some time before the platforms decide how to handle a particular set of images.

The companies consider how traditional media organizations are using the footage, how the accounts posting the images are characterizing the events and how other tech platforms are responding, said Katie Harbath, a technology consultant and former public policy director at Meta.

"They're trying to parse out if somebody is praising the act . . . or criticizing it," she said. "They usually [want to] keep up the content denouncing it, but they don't want to allow praise. . . . That starts to get really tricky, especially if you are trying to use automated tools."

In 2019, Meta, YouTube, Twitter and other platforms were widely criticized for their role in publicizing the mass killing at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. The shooter, Brenton Tarrant, had live-streamed the attack on Facebook with a camera affixed to his helmet. Facebook took the video down shortly afterward, but not until it had been viewed thousands of times.

By then, the footage had gone viral, as internet users evaded the platforms' artificial-intelligence content-moderation systems by making small changes to the images and reposting them.

But just as traditional media outlets find themselves attacked both by those who want grisly images published and those who don't, so too have tech companies been pummeled both for leaving up and taking down gruesome footage.

In 2021, Twitch, a live-streaming service, faced angry criticism when it suspended an account that rebroadcast video of Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. The company takes a zero-tolerance approach to violent content.

"Society's thought process on what content should be allowed or not allowed is definitely still evolving," Harbath said.

Jeremy Barr contributed to this report.

RETROPOLIS

After arraignment of man in NYC subway death, a look back at Bernhard Goetz

BY ANDREA SALCEDO

It took nine days for Bernhard Goetz, then a 37-year-old electronics specialist, to turn himself in after he shot and injured four young Black men on Dec. 22, 1984, in a New York City subway car.

Goetz, who ran away from the subway tunnel shortly after firing his .38-caliber handgun, later told police he shot the men because he believed they intended to mug him. Then, he told authorities, he fled to Bennington, Vt., and on the edge of the town, dismantled the gun he had emptied in the shooting, scattering the pieces in the woods. He spent the following days bouncing between motels, not always using his real name.

Nearly 40 years later, prominent voices have drawn parallels between Goetz, who media at the time deemed the "Subway Vigilante," and Daniel Penny, a 24-year-old Marine veteran who was filmed this month placing Jordan Neely, a 30-year-old Black man, in a fatal chokehold on a New York City subway car.

Police initially arrested Penny and released him without charges, sparking protests and outrage from public officials after the video went viral. According to police, witnesses described Neely, who was experiencing homelessness, as acting in a "hostile and erratic manner." Penny was arraigned on a second-degree manslaughter charge and released on bond Friday. For almost two weeks, Neely's family and lawmakers called for prosecutors to bring charges. Among them, the Rev. Al Sharpton, who drew comparisons between Penny and Goetz. "I fought the [Bernhard] Goetz case, and we cannot end up back to a place where vigilantism is tolerable," Sharpton said in a statement two days after the fatal chokehold. "It wasn't acceptable then, and it cannot be acceptable now."

Penny's and Goetz's cases both raise questions of racism, subway safety, dangers of vigilantism and political polarization. To his supporters, Goetz represented those New Yorkers exasperated with the high crime rates of the 1980s. Though the rate of violence in New York has recently come under fire from Republicans, the current level of crime in the city is more comparable to a decade ago — when New York was celebrated as the country's safest big city, according to the Associated Press.

Both cases also took place aboard the subway, a confined place used by people from all walks of life in New York City.

While Goetz, now 75, fled after the 1984 shootings, Penny was immediately questioned by police and released without charges. Penny later surrendered to police at the request of the Manhattan district attorney's office following public outcry, Thomas A. Kenniff, one of Penny's attorneys, said Friday. Goetz had been sought for questioning from day one.

The 1984 incident aboard the 2 train began when Troy Canty, one of the four young Black men, asked Goetz how he was doing. Canty then walked up to Goetz and said "give me five dollars," according to court records.

Goetz told authorities that he believed Canty's smile indicated the group of young men wanted to "play with me," though none of them displayed a weapon. Two of the four young men carried screwdrivers, which they said were to be used to break into the coin boxes of video machines.

That's when Goetz drew his unlicensed handgun and shot Canty, Barry Allen, Darrell Cabey, all 19, and James Ramseur, 18. The train swiftly came to a halt after the conductor, prompted by the gunshots, slammed the emergency brakes. Goetz dashed out of the car after refusing to hand over the gun to the train conductor. He fled the city in a rented car, making it all the way to Bennington. There, he scattered pieces of the gun in the woods along with his blue jacket. Authorities visited his neighbors, asking for any leads as the manhunt continued for days without much success.

Then, on Dec. 31, 1984, Goetz turned himself in to police in Concord, N.H.

"I am the person they are seeking in New York," Goetz told the officer on duty. In a taped interview, he told police he thought he was being robbed when the group approached him and he shot in self-defense, adding that he had been mugged before. Goetz was charged with attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and other firearms offenses.

At trial, Goetz's attorney argued the man feared he would be "beaten to a pulp" by the four youths. "The mind went off, the body went into automatic pilot," defense attorney Barry I. Slotnick said in court. "People who are traumatized should not be convicted on the basis of their traumatization."

A jury found Goetz guilty of one count of carrying an unlicensed firearm and acquitted him of the other charges. Shortly after the sentencing in 1987, Sharpton told reporters he hoped the sentence "will send a signal that White vigilantism is not going to be excused ... But if Bernie Goetz had been Black, he would have gotten [a] much [higher penalty]."

Goetz served eight months of the one-year sentence for the firearm offense because of good behavior. He declined to comment for this story.

"No, thank you," Goetz told a Washington Post reporter on Saturday. "I'm only interested in promoting vegetarianism."

They make Hollywood dreams reality. Can they survive the writers strike?

BY REIS THEBAULT

LOS ANGELES — The company that rents mortuary props also offers *real* autopsies, so the Hollywood writers strike won't faze its owners. But the man who designs exact replica airport sets is not so lucky. Neither are the couple who furnish period pieces with antique typewriters and precisely patinated uniforms. Nor the movie poster printers.

Since the Writers Guild of America announced its strike two weeks ago, the work stoppage has had a sudden, profound impact on the entertainment industry. But overlooked in the dispute between the union's 11,500 screenwriters and the major studios is the toll it could take on the wider economy — especially in Los Angeles, which remains, in part, a company town.

There is a constellation of wacky, ultra-niche and utterly ordinary businesses that orbit Hollywood, relying on film and television productions to pay the bills in an increasingly expensive region. This symbiotic ecosystem includes set designers and prop creators, drivers and chefs, lighting experts and gardeners. If writers are the architects of the Hollywood dreamscape, these specialists are the builders.

While many business owners and workers say they support the WGA, which is fighting for better pay and staffing guarantees, the strike is already hurting them. Many are still reeling from the coronavirus pandemic, and they described the strike as the second blow of a one-two punch. Companies have begun laying people off and slashing expenses, cutting costs in an effort to survive until a deal is brokered.

"We're in survival mode," said Talaat Captan, the founder and CEO of Air Hollywood, which bills itself as the world's largest aviation-themed film studio. "During covid, we had government help. Here, we just have God's help. We could go out of business if they don't come to the table."

During the last WGA work stoppage, which lasted 100 days in 2007 and 2008, California's economy lost $2.1 billion and nearly 38,000 jobs, according to a report from the Milken Institute. Another estimate found the businesses that service the industry lost more than $980 million.

This year, as both sides navigate the streaming era, they remain far apart, with no end in sight. Analysts are predicting the strike could exceed three months, which would bring "bothersome and even dire" consequences to the entertainment world, reported Moody's Investors Service.

For some here, the bothersome and dire ripple effects have already arrived.

Air Hollywood's warehouse turned airport terminal in the valley city of Santa Clarita overlooks Six Flags Magic Mountain and typically hosts at least two shoots per week. "Once Upon A Time in Hollywood," "Bridesmaids" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" have filmed scenes here, preferring the business's replica planes, gates and security checkpoints to the permitting nightmare that comes with working in actual airports.

But earlier this month, there was no cast or crew milling about Gate C34, which still advertised an on-time flight to New York. Instead, a small team of employees were working their last shift before being laid off, doing the tidying they hadn't had time for when business was booming.

"It's like covid: Boom, the bottom just drops out," said Holly Morris, the company's chief operating officer. "It's like somebody flipped a switch, and the phone just stopped ringing. It's like deja vu."

Like many businesses during the pandemic, Air Hollywood relied on funds from the government's Paycheck Protection Program to get by. Now the company will have to weather the turbulence of another work stoppage without any aid. And the situation could turn more desperate if media companies cannot renew labor contracts with actor and director unions, turning one strike into three later this summer.

For Pam Elyea, who runs the prop house History For Hire with her husband, Jim, the losses are already piling up. There's rent — $43,000 per month for 33,000 square feet in North Hollywood — utilities, salary and health insurance for employees. They stand to lose six-figure sums every month the strike goes on.

If it lasts a while, the couple could blow through the money they had saved for a down payment on a new building. Well-meaning friends have tried to be helpful, but Elyea and her husband chuckle at suggestions that they could simply "pivot" their business. They can't just start doing birthday parties, she said.

"Who's going to rent this?" Elyea said, pointing to an old-fashioned reel-to-reel tape player. "Sometimes you can't pivot. You're so in that divot, that's just where you're going to be."

The History For Hire warehouse is a labyrinthine menagerie of props from famous productions such as "It's a Wonderful Life," "Platoon" and "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," and its staff is brimming with hyper-specific institutional knowledge. Lauren Stewart, a shop technician and baseball specialist, restores baseball gloves from the early 20th century, and she can name the decade a mitt was made at a glance.

"People cannot understand the amount of work that goes into this," Stewart said. "Everyone who works here has this very niche, very important knowledge."

But a prolonged strike could threaten the long-term future of some prop houses, especially those that are smaller and family-run, Elyea said. She and her husband are in their 70s, and they're not alone: Many independent Hollywood prop rental companies started in the 1970s and '80s, and their owners are getting older. The pandemic, paired with a long strike, could push them into retirement and their inventory to auction, Elyea fears.

"The strike, and covid, just makes everybody tired and weary," she said. "How much can you bear?"

Down the street, at the Earl Hays Press, owner Keith Hernandez was asking that very question. Opened in 1915, Earl Hays Press is a local legend, specializing in just about every printed prop imaginable — newspapers to license plates, beer bottle labels to cigarette packs. The business has outlasted immense change, but the past few years have been brutal. The strike, which has shrunk his work from more than 100 accounts to three, has Hernandez questioning his future in the industry, even as he supports the writers' cause.

"If it goes to the six-months mark, we'll potentially have to shut our doors after 108 years," Hernandez said. "I am for the strike; I understand it. But sometimes people don't understand the bigger picture of how many people it's going to affect."

To survive, Hernandez is digging through the company's archive, looking for items he can sell. On the list so far: 100-year-old theater posters and props from "Back to the Future," "Ghostbusters" and "Caddyshack."

"We're part of Hollywood history," he said. "But once we're gone, we're gone, and the history of Earl Hays goes with it. So if we have to close doors, it's going to hit hard."

Some companies have built-in alternative revenue sources. One prop house, Morgue Prop Rentals, loans out embalming tables and body bags to crime dramas and is an offshoot of a private autopsy business — a strike-proof line of work.

Steve Arklin, who runs the sprawling movie ranch known as Rancho Deluxe, said he's counting on commercial shoots and music videos, which are not covered by the WGA strike, to keep busy, along with hosting private events.

"You can't just rely on one thing," said Arklin, whose picturesque mountaintop property has been the backdrop for scenes in "Westworld" and "Iron Man 3."

Still, even some businesses that have built a diverse clientele are seeing their work dry up. Bischoff's Taxidermy was founded in 1922 and has evolved since the days it stuffed Roy Rogers's horse, Trigger. The company now specializes in custom animatronics and has a profitable side business doing pet preservation and cloning.

But Bischoff's owner, Ace Alexander, said the taxidermy rental market, which is driven by film and television, is frozen. He has not had to lay off full-time employees, but he has cut back on contract workers.

"Like always, it's the little ones who get screwed over," he said.

It's not just the eccentrically specific Hollywood businesses that are hurting. Warehouse workers, tailors and food service companies have also been affected. Dine With 9 Catering, which overwhelmingly worked with film and TV productions, began marketing toward private parties and corporate events several months ago, when word of a potential strike first circulated.

But the company hasn't been able to bring in enough jobs to replace all the canceled orders, and owner Paige Simmons says she'll probably have to lay off employees — many of whom are aspiring actors, like she once was. Now, with a legion of other local catering companies desperately looking for work, the competition for the jobs that remain is fierce.

"Everybody's competing for these little crumbs left on the table," Simmons said. "Let's just pray it doesn't last that long. If it does, it's going to get really dicey."

Just as the caterers don't know when they'll be back in the kitchen, Captan, of Air Hollywood, can't predict when productions will come back to his sets. Two weeks ago, his team was doing maintenance on the company's Auto-Plane, a 53-foot semi-truck that transforms into a camera-ready replica of an airplane's interior.

Captan invented and patented the contraption, which cost more than half a million dollars and has crisscrossed the continent for film and TV shoots, a point of immense pride. He ticked through the productions that the machine has appeared in, but trailed off.

"We stopped thinking about these things because we'd been so busy," Captan said.

No more.

As the crew closed the truck, stowing away seats and overhead luggage containers, Captan looked on. "Is your flight on time? Are you sitting first class?" he joked, nodding at the mock plane. But his smile faded. He knew the aircraft might be parked there for some time.

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Holly Morris, chief operating officer of Air Hollywood, at the company's facility on May 5. "It's like covid: Boom, the bottom just drops out," she said of the entertainment industry's latest work stoppage.

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High school student sues district over dairy milk debacle

Lawsuit claims her free speech rights were violated after administrators insisted she praise cow's milk along with promotion of plant-based products

BY LAURA REILEY

Growing up, Marielle Williamson was grossed out by milk. What she learned about animal agriculture made her uncomfortable. Why, she wondered, were we consuming the breast milk of another animal?

But when the 17-year-old tried to distribute literature sharing her views promoting nondairy milk at her Los Angeles high school, she said, administrators responded that it wasn't allowed unless she extolled the virtues of cow's dairy, too. Pro-dairy "Got Milk?" messages were already plastered across the hallways and even repeated on the morning announcements, she said. The directive felt like a violation of her First Amendment rights. So she sued the school district and the U.S. Agriculture Department, which oversees federal school meals policy.

"By compelling Marielle to simultaneously distribute the dairy misinformation that she seeks to refute, District Defendants have violated Marielle's free speech rights," her lawyers argued in the suit filed May 2 in District Court with the nonprofit Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine as a co-plaintiff. "More than that, [the defendants] have laid bare the extent to which [USDA] treats dairy as sacrosanct, both as a matter of law and policy."

The USDA and the Los Angeles Unified School District declined to comment on ongoing litigation.

The conflict unfolding at Eagle Rock High School is emblematic of a broader fight over cow's milk, once a staple of the American dining table. It has lost its status in some circles amid worries about its healthfulness and impact on the climate, as well as the rise of alternatives such as oat and nut milk. Generation Z is particularly skeptical, drinking 20 percent less liquid milk than the national average, according to Circana consumer data.

Tastes have also changed. Even as dairy-based cheese and yogurt increase in popularity, the same can't be said for liquid milk. Forty-two percent of American

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Marielle Williamson, a Los Angeles high school student, is suing her school district, saying it violated her First Amendment right to exclusively promote nondairy milk at school.

households purchased plant-based milk in 2021. And while plant-based milk unit sales grew 19 percent from 2019 to 2022, animal-based liquid milk saw a 4 percent decline over the same period, according to National Consumer Panel data.

> *"People don't really like to drink cow's milk anymore, and they have other sources of dairy."*
> **Marielle Williamson,** senior at Eagle Rock High School in Los Angeles

In short, 30 years after the launch of the wildly successful "Got Milk?" industry campaign, more and more Americans are saying, "Nope, not so much."

But this turn against cow's milk is sparking pushback from the dairy industry. A milk processors association recently launched an advertising campaign mocking plant-based milks. The campaign features famously sardonic actress Aubrey Plaza promoting milk made from trees. "Is wood milk real? Absolutely not, only real milk is real," Plaza says in a satirical commercial.

The shift is also creating new headaches for school nutrition administrators, who are beholden to USDA rules that hark back to a time when American children often drank a frosty glass of cow's milk with their meals.

Williamson, a senior, thought it would be no big deal to request a plant-based milk with her lunch instead of cow's milk. Besides, she thought, so many people are lactose intolerant, particularly many people of color — a major consideration in her diverse school district. But she was shocked, she said, when the school told her she'd need a doctor's note to get a nondairy alternative.

"People don't really like to drink cow's milk anymore, and they have other sources of dairy. My friends are plant-based for the most part, and we talk a lot about our food system," she said.

In October, Williamson, who eats a primarily vegetarian diet, gave out samples of oat milk to her classmates to promote dairy alternatives. "So many students I'd never met before said, 'I don't want cow's milk, I love oat milk,'" and endorsed making plant-based options available in the cafeteria, she recalled.

She decided to do something bigger, asking her school if she could hold a "day of action" promoting the benefits of nondairy milk. The administration said yes, she said — but only if she also had pro-dairy information as well.

That would defeat the purpose of her event, Williamson said.

Shannon Haber, a Los Angeles Unified spokeswoman, said that the school district follows USDA guidelines and is unable to address ongoing litigation or student matters, but that "Los Angeles Unified takes pride in empowering students to amplify their voice on issues they find important. We continue to support our students with nutritious meals and healthy alternatives for those who have specific dietary requests and requirements."

Haber declined to address Williamson's claims that the school promotes dairy milk in the morning announcements and through posters.

Critics have long decried USDA guidelines requiring milk to be served with public school lunches. The USDA reimburses schools for every meal served, and cow's milk is included. Lactose-free and nondairy options are sometimes offered, but typically are more expensive and an added cost that would have to come out of schools' budgets.

Seven percent of U.S. liquid milk is consumed in American schools, according to Matt Herrick, senior vice president of the International Dairy Foods Association.

Over the years, as Americans have drifted away from drinking glasses of milk, the dairy industry has expressed concerns that offering bottled water or other beverages alongside milk at school would deter students from choosing dairy.

"Dairy and milk play a central role in school meals by providing 13 essential nutrients students need for healthy growth and development," Herrick said. "Milk is the top source of calcium, potassium, phosphorus, and vitamin D in kids ages 2 to 18."

Still, many say, with skyrocketing cheese and yogurt consumption and dwindling milk enthusiasm, there are other sources of many of these nutrients.

The USDA says schools "must not directly or indirectly restrict the sale or marketing of fluid milk at any time or in any place on school premises or at any school-sponsored event," and school nutrition manuals admonish that "program operators are not to promote or offer water or any other beverage as an alternative selection to fluid milk in their reimbursable meal throughout the food service area."

Most school nutrition programs are still facing routine supply chain problems that began during the pandemic, said Diane Pratt-Heavner, director of media relations for the School Nutrition Association, the trade group for school-food-service professionals. She said schools in July will lose some of the per-meal funding provided by Congress under the Keep Kids Fed Act, which makes the prospect of stocking plant-based milk options daunting.

"Programs will be ill-equipped to cover basic operational costs, let alone new expenses," she said.

Milk has also been considered an essential part of the American diet under other federal programs, including food stamps and the program for women, infants and toddlers called WIC. But shifting values and thoughts around what constitutes essential nutrition are changing that as well. The USDA, citing lower uptake of milk benefits and increased interest in fresh fruit and vegetables, has proposed reducing the amount of milk provided to recipients in the program.

Eugene Volokh, a First Amendment law professor at the UCLA School of Law, said the Supreme Court has upheld the First Amendment rights of students in U.S. public schools.

"Students have a right to speak in favor of dairy or against dairy," Volokh said, "and the school cannot constitutionally restrict that or compel some viewpoint."

Williamson's father, Bennett Williamson, said his daughter has been a strong animal rights advocate since doing research on the food system for a big school project.

"A lot of things really surprised and worried her," he said. "The more Marielle learned, the more she became convinced we can do better."

Marielle Williamson ticks off environmental problems like methane emissions associated with the dairy industry, as well as what she considers the unethical treatment of animals. But it's also about respecting students' choices — and not giving in to what she sees as the heavy-handed influence of the dairy industry.

"There's so much behind it, but it's overshadowed by this, 'Drink milk for strong boners — we need it!'" she said.

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Mayorkas defends Biden, saying crossings are tapering

BY AZI PAYBARAH AND DAVID OVALLE

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Sunday credited the Biden administration's policies for what he said was a significant drop in attempts by migrants to enter the United States illegally, immediately after the expiration of a pandemic-era policy meant to deter those crossings.

Mayorkas made that defense, and also called on Congress to pass a comprehensive immigration overhaul, while appearing on several talk shows. Republican officials on Sunday said the border needed to be secured before immigration laws could be changed.

Early last week, border crossings hit their highest levels ever, topping 10,000 unlawful crossings per day, according to Customs and Border Protection data. Those numbers dropped off to about 6,300 on Friday and 4,200 on Saturday — the days after the Trump-era policy referred to as Title 42 ended at midnight Thursday.

"We are in Day Three," Mayorkas said on CNN's "State of the Union," noting that those figures were a 50 percent drop from earlier in the week. "But, you know, we've been planning for this transition for months and months and we've been executing on our plan, and we will continue to do so."

Under a new rule, most migrants are presumed ineligible for asylum in the United States if they passed through another country to get to the U.S. border and didn't first seek refuge in that country.

That rule won't apply to migrants who secure an asylum interview in the United States through an app known as CBP One. However, despite a touted overhaul to the app, asylum-seeking migrants remain frustrated by technical glitches and difficulties logging in to make appointments.

Migrants deemed to be in the United States unlawfully may be deported through a process known as "expedited removal" and will be prohibited from seeking reentry for five years. DHS has said migrants caught having reentered the United States after being deported face criminal prosecution.

Republicans, however, looked at the same figures Mayorkas cited as proof that the Biden administration was unprepared for a widely expected increase in the number of unlawful crossings at that border.

"What the secretary failed to say is that this week has seen more crossings than any time, any week in our history," Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

"Yes, there was some anticipation" that the Title 42 policy would expire, Green said, "so people started coming across at higher numbers — in fact, record-breaking numbers — at the first part of the week."

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Freddie Castro holds his daughter Lorena Castro as they wait with thousands of other migrants Saturday in Matamoros, Mexico.

But Green distanced himself from the family separation policy that President Donald Trump used while in office and that he has said on the campaign trail he would consider reviving if he is reelected president.

"We're not separating families," Green said. "I don't think we should separate families." He noted that family separation was not included in the border security legislation that House Republicans recently passed.

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Tex.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also downplayed the drop in encounters with migrants at the southern border after the Title 42 policy expired, saying he believes caravans of migrants are still headed to the border and "they still want to get in."

"The last 2½ years speak for themselves," McCaul told ABC News's "This Week." "We've had 5 million people enter this country illegally. . . . It's unsustainable."

The American Civil Liberties Union has sued over the Biden administration restrictions, which it says are inhumane and dangerous for asylum seekers. Mayorkas insisted that the administration has created more lawful pathways for entry into the United States, but he acknowledged that asylum seekers now have a "higher threshold of proof they have to meet."

"This is not an asylum ban," Mayorkas said on "This Week." "We have a humanitarian obligation, as well as a matter of security, to cut the ruthless smugglers out."

Mayorkas also said he disagrees with a ruling by a federal judge in Florida on Thursday that barred the quick release of certain migrants from overcrowded holding facilities, but he said DHS is complying as litigation continues.

The mayor of the border city of Laredo, Tex., told CBS News's "Face the Nation" that while officials are seeing historic challenges at the border, preparations made in anticipation of the expiration of the Title 42 policy have "held up."

"We have not been overwhelmed at this point," said Mayor Victor Treviño, who added that the city received about 700 migrants Saturday but that it remains on "high alert" because of the overflow from the El Paso and Brownsville areas.

Treviño credited the new Biden border restrictions, including a rule that migrants from countries beyond Mexico must first seek asylum in a country through which they pass. "The amount of migrants we were expecting initially — the big flow is not here yet," said Treviño, whose mayoral position is nonpartisan.

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), an outspoken liberal, told "Fox News Sunday" that the Biden administration was doing all it could at the border but was hamstrung by a shortage of resources that congressional Republicans refused to provide.

"The problem is often with Congress," he said. "I mean, we have not provided the administration with the resources for the immigration judges or processing. We have not provided the resources for Border Patrol. We have not provided the resources for securing the border."

Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Tex.), whose district includes a large swath of the El Paso border region, said Biden needed to not only secure the border, but also to provide many more immigration judges to adjudicate the staggering backlog of asylum cases.

Appearing on CBS News's "Face the Nation," Gonzales said asylum seekers who apply via the Biden administration's CBP One app get a court date in 2031. He said those asylum seekers "should get their case heard in days, not years."

DIGEST

NEW YORK

Buffalo remembers 10 killed in racist attack

A bell chimed 13 times after people paused for a moment of silence Sunday to remember the 10 people killed and three wounded in a racist attack at a Buffalo supermarket a year ago.

Mayor Byron Brown read the names of the victims outside the Tops Friendly Markets store, where a gunman opened fire on May 14, 2022. New York politicians, including Gov. Kathy Hochul and Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, attended the remembrance.

President Biden honored the lives of those killed in Buffalo in an op-ed published Sunday in USA Today. He called on Congress and state legislative leaders to act by banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, requiring background checks for all gun sales, and repealing gun manufacturers' immunity from liability.

Since the shooting, relatives of the victims have spoken before Congress about white supremacy and gun reform and organized events to address food insecurity that worsened when the market, the neighborhood's only grocery store, was inaccessible for two months.

— Associated Press

MINNESOTA

Gun-control bill passes in state Senate

Democratic Minnesota senators narrowly passed gun control legislation strongly supported by the governor that would align the battleground state with others nationally that have taken steps to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and people in crisis.

The proposals include a "red-flag law" that would allow authorities to ask courts for "extreme risk protection orders" to temporarily take guns away from people deemed to be an imminent threat to others or themselves. The provision is part of a broad public safety budget bill that also contains expanded background checks for gun transfers.

The bill passed 34-33 on a party-line vote late Friday after around nine hours of debate.

Nineteen other states have some kind of red-flag laws, including several red states, said Democratic Sen. Rob Latz of St. Louis Park, chairman of the Senate public safety committee.

Democrats who have a more comfortable majority in the Minnesota House scheduled the package for debate Friday night on the presumption that the Senate would pass it first, but they postponed the debate until Saturday. The House had already passed the gun measures as part of its original public safety bill.

— Associated Press

Two killed in shooting in Yuma, Ariz.: A shooting at a neighborhood gathering in Arizona left two people dead and five wounded, police said Sunday. The shooting happened just before 11 p.m. Saturday, said Yuma police spokesperson Sgt. Lori Franklin. She said an investigation is underway but no suspects have been arrested. A motive for the shooting wasn't immediately known, but Franklin said there was no remaining threat to the community.

Texas tornado leaves one dead: One person was killed and a curfew was imposed after a powerful tornado tore through a community near the southern tip of Texas, damaging dozens of residences and knocking down power lines, authorities said. At least 10 others were hospitalized, said Tom Hushen, the emergency management coordinator for Cameron County. Many residents also suffered cuts and bruises. The tornado hit about 4 a.m. as most people were in their homes asleep in the unincorporated community of Laguna Heights, located on the mainland across from South Padre Island.

— From news services

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Migrants hold their belongings after arriving in D.C. on a bus from Arizona on April 18. More than 170 buses have arrived from Arizona and Texas so far, in what began as a protest in April 2022 by Republican governors over President Biden's border policies.

Migrant issue initially believed to be temporary gets more complicated

MIGRANTS FROM **A1**

finding affordable housing in the area," said Sharlet Ann Wagner, director of the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington's Newcomer Network. "You've also got a population that may not have a bank account, doesn't have a credit history, may not have the IDs, and so it could be hard to rent a place without all of that documentation."

With expenses for lodging, food and other services climbing well past the $10 million that Bowser (D) initially set aside for the agency she formed last fall to help the migrants, her administration temporarily closed the hotels to new arrivals late last month, saying there was no more room.

The move deepened uncertainty over how the District and other U.S. cities facing similar pressures can manage the continuing influx — a situation breeding resentment far from the border. In New York, for example, Mayor Eric Adams (D) came under fire from leaders of surrounding counties earlier this month after announcing plans to send as many as 300 willing migrants to their communities in anticipation of the surge.

"I don't think anybody could tell you where we're going," D.C. Council member Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large) said, noting that the city is facing budget cuts to programs designed to serve its existing poor and homeless population.

"Our job is to do the best we can to serve them and to remember that there are also a lot of folks already here who are struggling," he said. "That's a tough balance, but that is where we are."

The hotels

For families who arrive in D.C. and want to stay in the area, "home" has often become one of the hotels in the city, or another one in Montgomery County that houses about 16 families. As the District's hotel population climbed toward 1,250, with 340 children enrolled in D.C. public schools, the city in February added a third hotel to the mix.

Meant to be a stopgap measure to keep the migrants from sleeping on the streets, city officials estimate the average stay is 126 days at the courtyard buildings clustered on New York Avenue in Northeast.

So far, the city's new Office of Migrant Services has spent more than $15.1 million on hotel lodging, food and other services, according to the Department of Human Services (DHS), which oversees the agency.

The expenses are projected to climb to $52.5 million by October amid expectations of another surge, DHS said, undermining the city's efforts to close an estimated $1.7 billion budget gap over the next five years caused largely by the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The number gets bigger every month, the longer people stay," Laura Zeilinger, the city DHS director, told D.C. Council members during a March 31 budget hearing.

A contract with a soul food restaurant to provide three meals a day for the hotel families is budgeted for $3.6 million, while an agreement with SAMU First Response, a D.C. nonprofit, to coordinate mental health counseling and other services in the city is expected to cost $1.7 million, DHS said. Laundry at the hotels, covered by another contract, costs about $1.1 million, while security to keep outsiders out of the areas of the hotels where the migrants stay is budgeted for $4.5 million.

The cumulative hotel bill alone is projected to reach $12 million by October, DHS said.

Zeilinger told D.C. Council members that the city is seeking reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But less than half of what has been spent so far is eligible, she said, noting that FEMA covers only 30 days of temporary housing for the migrants.

"And people stay much longer than 30 days," she said.

DHS, which declined an interview request, said in a statement that eventually D.C. employees will provide most of the services now provided to migrants, though the statement didn't say how.

Montgomery County has spent $5 million so far, officials there said. Despite county aid with security deposits and first month's rent, contractors there have also found it challenging to locate permanent homes for hotel residents, limiting the space available for newcomers.

The rising expenses are "a very legitimate concern," D.C. Council Chair Phil Mendelson (D) said during a media briefing two weeks ago — particularly if a surge of border crossings means more migrants arriving to the city. An estimated 12 percent of migrants who come to D.C. indicate they plan to stay in the city.

Mendelson said Bowser's office has not asked the council to approve more funding for the Office of Migrant Services, which has been operating on contingency funds and does not have an appropriated budget amount.

While the governors of Texas and Arizona have said that the migrants sent to the city volunteered to come, and many of the migrants themselves say they've found the free bus trips helpful, Mendelson nonetheless accused those states of treating the asylum seekers "inhumanely by just putting them on buses, sending them north."

"This is a problem of humanity that the District wants to be responsive to but is not of our making," he said.

Abél Nuñez, executive director of the Central American Resource Center, or Carecen, a D.C. nonprofit that helps the migrants with legal services and other matters, said assistance providers are walking a fine line between offering the migrants help and housing, while also encouraging them to leave that support behind.

"It's a tricky thing because in one sense you want them to begin to integrate, but you don't want them to integrate in a way where they don't want to leave where they're at, because that's temporary housing," said Nuñez, who has participated in discussions with city officials and other nonprofits about the issue.

"You can push them out, but they'll just end up back in the government system, whether that's the shelters or any of the other resources the city has for the unhoused or the poor," Nuñez said.

For families who arrive in D.C. and want to stay in the area, "home" has often become a hotel such as Days Inn.

Eager to leave

As days turn to weeks, then months for the migrants living at the D.C. hotels, a makeshift community has taken root there.

At one hotel, salsa rhythms poured from car stereos as clusters of men and women chatted in the full parking lot one recent night. Nearby, in the hotel's asphalt courtyard, teenage boys played a loud game of stickball, as smaller children wobbled around the perimeter on donated bicycles.

And inside a banquet room at the Panda Gourmet restaurant, which sits in the same building complex, about 30 Latin American migrant children and teenagers practiced their English between bites of sesame chicken and shrimp fried rice.

"Niños, where are we going? We're going to do 'up,'" Mariajose Morales, 19, among the students at Georgetown University's DC Schools Project who tutor the group, said in Spanish to her table.

She prompted the children to show that they understood which direction meant where in English. They pointed to the ceiling, pronouncing the word "up," then demonstrated "down," "left" and "right" while saying those words.

Despite the shelter and resources, some of the migrants are eager to leave, concerned about violent crime in the area and eager to begin their lives on their own. They said in Spanish that they felt the city hasn't done enough to help them get out of the hotel and find another home.

"Nobody has said anything to us about that," said Arianmi Ramírez, whose family of three has shared a hotel room with another family since arriving in October from Peru, where they lived for several years after leaving Venezuela.

DHS denied that assertion, saying in its statement that city contractors are "helping families identify pathways for long-term sustainability and self-sufficiency based on their needs, both inside and outside the region."

Ramírez said that with help from volunteers from the Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid Network, she and her husband have tried finding a place. So far, none of the rents have been within their reach.

"I would love to live in a house, but even an apartment with at least two rooms would be better," said Ramírez, who supplements the income her husband receives from his temporary construction job by selling the Venezuelan snacks she prepares in the room's tiny kitchenette to other hotel residents.

Plus, conditions at the hotels haven't always been ideal. In late February, a group of residents complained to the D.C. Council about mold growing on the walls, bed bugs in the mattresses and the quality of the food they're served, which they said has sometimes arrived spoiled.

"We're suffering from poor nutrition, bites, irritation," a resident who identified herself as Viviana M. told council members in Spanish during a Housing Committee hearing.

Those conditions have improved since that hearing, during which several council members expressed concern. White, who chairs the Housing Committee, said the improvements were evident when he recently visited the site.

"I have no doubt that they needed feedback and made adjustments," White said, about city contractors.

He co-sponsored legislation approved by the council last month that requires the city to step up long-term resettlement efforts if the migrants choose to stay in the city and to grant them access to services available to other unhoused residents, such as baby formula for children.

"At the core of it, we have to recognize the folks who are coming here are people who are making the same decisions that we would make for ourselves and our families if we were in their position," White said.

Bowser, whose office declined an interview request, allowed the emergency bill to go into effect late last month without signing it. Two weeks ago, the D.C. Council approved amendments to that law that, among other things, clarified the migrants' eligibility for city services.

A last resort

The changing, unpredictable manner in which migrants are now arriving is another complicating factor.

Illegal border crossings dropped after the Biden administration imposed restrictions under Title 42 that have kept Venezuelans, Cubans, Haitians and Nicaraguans seeking legal entry inside encampments in Mexico.

As a result, the number of buses coming to D.C. also went down. But with border crossing again picking up, Texas recently resumed sending its buses after a four-month lull, with two — carrying a total of 84 people — arriving at the Naval Observatory on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, local advocates said.

On Wednesday night, Abbott tweeted a statement about the state-charted buses, saying, "We will continue to provide this critical support to overwhelmed Texas border towns until Biden secures the border."

Arizona, where Gov. Katie Hobbs (D) continued the busing program after taking office this year, sends about one bus per week, city officials said.

"Our border communities can't handle this influx, and Texas will continue busing migrants to sanctuary cities to provide relief to our overwhelmed border towns," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's (R) spokesman Andrew Mahaleris said in a statement sent before the state's busing program restarted this month.

Meanwhile, migrants who either stayed in border towns after crossing or were bused to other U.S. cities are now arriving in D.C. through other means, after learning about the District's system of support from friends or relatives who came earlier, immigrant advocates say.

On Monday, Bowser blamed some of the immigrant advocates, saying they've invited migrants to the city while misleading them about the amount of aid available. "They shouldn't be communicating to Texas or anywhere else that there is unlimited space here because that is just not the case," Bowser said when asked about the issue during a news conference.

But, those advocates say, many migrants are simply arriving at area churches or shelters without prompting from them.

In an increasing number of cases, families have turned to D.C. after struggling to find work and housing in other cities where they were bused, said Amy Hammond, a spokeswoman for SAMU First Response, which has become the city's primary contact for the migrants. "They're, you know, bouncing from one location to the next, trying to get that permanency that is a bit challenging to achieve," Hammond said.

That was the case for Mandi Buada Rivera, who arrived in the District in December with her two sons — aged 7 and 9, with plane tickets from San Antonio bought by a D.C. church she found through a friend already in the city.

She picked D.C. randomly, while still traveling through Costa Rica. Another acquaintance who had arrived earlier told her about the city's services in a text, said Rivera, who fled Venezuela in 2020 and lived in Colombia for three years.

"They were telling me that I would be taken care of," she said of her friends' messages about D.C.

Rivera — who has not yet applied for U.S. asylum after being granted humanitarian parole for a year — now sells Venezuelan snacks she also makes in her hotel room kitchenette as well as herbal shampoo she mixes in the sink in hopes of earning enough for a larger home. She also takes free English classes near her son's school in Petworth, where they were placed amid a crush of migrant enrollments at schools closer to the hotels.

During a lunch break at the class, Rivera, 32, pulled from a bag the warm arepas she had made that morning — wrapped and filled with ground beef and cheese — and offered them to her classmates for $5 each.

She also took out large bottles of her shampoo, decorated with a "Mandi creations" label she designed and printed at a neighborhood library. "It's how I got my hair like this," Rivera said in Spanish to one woman, fluffing her long black hair. The classmate paid $15 for the mixture of ginger, aloe and coconut oil.

Such initiative helps but is no guarantee in a region that can be forbidding to new immigrants, particularly those without an established support network of compatriots in the area to lean on, advocates say.

Many migrants will probably need to rely on government aid for several more years, Nuñez said, adding that the influx will continue, particularly by Venezuelans, regardless of whether the border buses keep coming.

"The genie is out of the bottle," he said. "We need to be comfortable with that. Now it's about: Okay, so what do we do if we know they're coming?"

Georgetown University volunteer Angelina Torres calls on a child in a banquet room at Panda Gourmet restaurant during a tutoring session. The university's DC Schools Project helps about 30 Latin American migrant children and teenagers practice English.

Title 42 is over. Here's how it works at the border now.

The pandemic-era policy was used to quickly expel migrants who cross the border illegally

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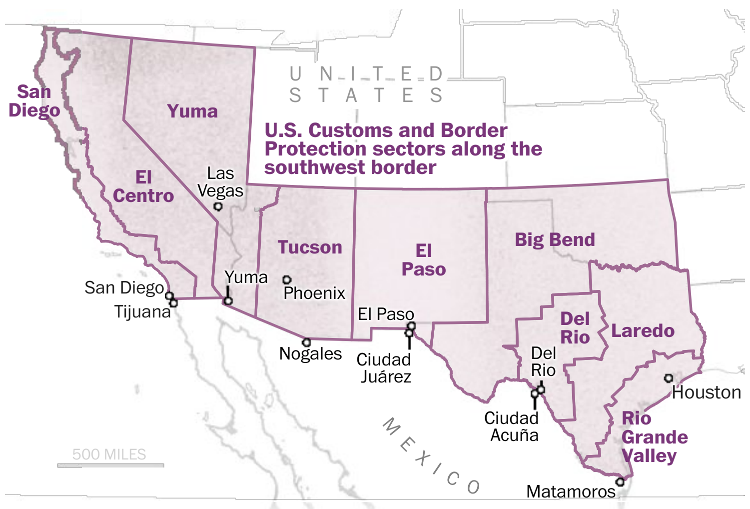
The United States is no longer able to quickly expel migrants who cross the border illegally since May 11, an option put in place during the coronavirus public health emergency. Tens of thousands of migrants have massed at the border, many hoping to be allowed to remain in the United States while awaiting a court date in the country's massively backlogged asylum system.

More than 2.6 million people have been expelled under the Title 42 policy — which allowed them to be sent back to Mexico or other countries — since the start of the pandemic.

After the expiration of Title 42 and the number of people in custody skyrocketing, the Biden administration has put new policies in place to try to limit how many people cross the border illegally.

The government created a parole program that offers two-year permits for up to 30,000 Venezuelans, Haitians, Cubans and Nicaraguans a month. Officials also forged an agreement to send deportees from those four nations to Mexico, avoiding significant challenges involved in deporting them to their home countries.

U.S. officials have created a mobile phone app for migrants to make appointments to enter the country legally and seek asylum, though officials say they will soon roll out a more efficient electronic system. Last week, the government also unveiled a temporary policy that will penalize migrants who cross illegally and don't first seek asylum in a country outside the United States.



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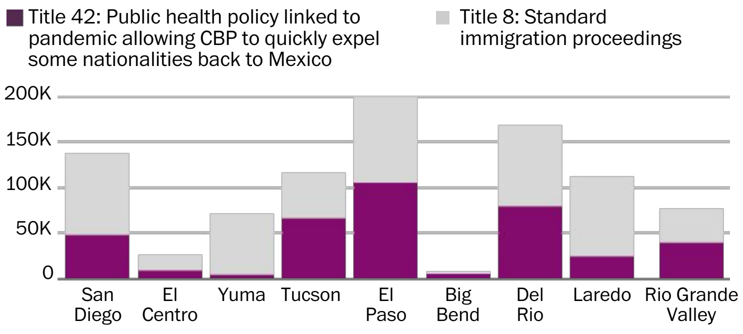

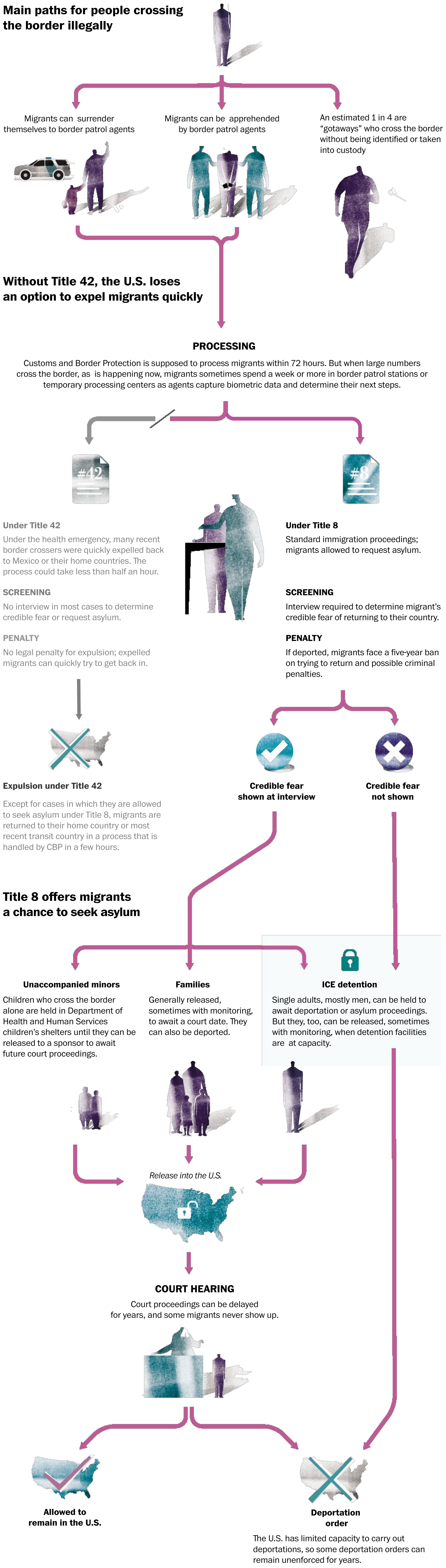

THE WORLD

Crossing jungle and desert — and a sea of misinformation

As migrants make their way toward the U.S. border, social media surges with conflicting messages on what the end of the Title 42 policy will mean for them

BY JUAN ARTURO GÓMEZ TOBÓN AND SAMANTHA SCHMIDT

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TOP: Venezuelan children relax on a beach in Necoclí, Colombia, with a man who has become a friend of the family on their journey. ABOVE LEFT: Karina Franco, left, a Venezuelan who lives in Colombia, cares for her 18-month-old son. ABOVE RIGHT: Franco cooks rice with Heisber Silva, a Venezuelan who left the country after experiencing sexual assault, death threats and intense homophobia. "One person tells you one thing, and another person tells you another thing," Silva said of the end of the Title 42 policy.

NECOCLÍ, COLOMBIA — One TikTok video — it's been viewed 17.4 million times — claims that as of last Thursday, "people who arrive at the U.S. border will not be able to be deported."

In another, a man snaps his fingers and warns viewers that deportations will be "immediate."

And for the Venezuelan migrants preparing to walk the 70-mile stretch of jungle that divides South from Central America, one of the most dangerous stages of their journey to the United States, it was nearly impossible to know what to believe.

With the end on Thursday of the pandemic-era Title 42 policy that the Trump and Biden administrations used to expel immigrants who entered the United States illegally, migrants' WhatsApp and Facebook groups have been flooded with conflicting intelligence about what might await them at the border. Voice memos from family members and friends and friends-of-friends added more grist to the rumor mill.

"They're all cuentos de camino," said migrant advocate Patricia Andrade. Literally, "road stories," but also a Venezuelan phrase for gossip.

Even with limited cellphone reception, migrants rely on these social media channels for information on their way to the United States. Last week, as illegal border crossings surged, the messages were especially confusing. So was the policy itself: Biden administration officials say a new system will make it easier for border agents to deport asylum seekers who cross illegally, while allowing more migrants to enter legally by using an app.

U.S. officials warn that migrants who cross illegally could be deported, barred for five years and prosecuted for the crime of illegal entry.

But many migrants are hearing inaccurate or entirely different versions of the policy change in widely shared videos on Instagram and TikTok. The hashtag #titulo42 was viewed more than 109 million times on TikTok by Friday afternoon.

"Luis, listen to what I'm going to tell you. . . . They're deporting people, anyone getting there illegally," a Colombian woman told her son-in-law, Luis Enrique Montoya, 24, in a WhatsApp voice memo as he rode a bus through Honduras toward the Guatemalan border. "They say, 'Come on in, come on in,' and it turns out that when they come in, it's so they can put them on a plane and send them back here."

In Necoclí, a coastal town near the entrance of the Darién Gap, the roadless jungle between Colombia and Panama, an advocate for migrants noticed the confusion among the gathering hundreds. On Thursday, hours before the Title 42 policy was set to expire, Marlyn Luque Urquiola stood in a circle with a group of migrants on a beach and asked what they knew about the change in border policy.

"Have you received information from some institution?" Luque asked. Had they been given any guidance from U.N. agencies or other groups?

"Nothing," one man said. "This is the first time I'm receiving any."

"Where have you received information?" Luque asked.

"On social media, pretty much," another man said. "You see everything that happens on there and get informed, little by little."

She asked one young man what he knew about the end of the Title 42 policy.

"Honestly, nothing, because one person tells you one thing, and another person tells you another thing," said Heisber Silva, a 24-year-old Venezuelan.

"What are your plans for getting into the United States?" Luque asked.

> *"Some people say that if you get caught, you get deported to your country, but I don't know if that's true. A friend of mine crossed and apparently is now in a shelter, but I'm waiting for her to contact me and tell me how she did it."*
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> **Robert Castillo,**
> a 43-year-old originally from Maracay, Venezuela, who hopes to make it into the United States

"To turn myself in to immigration," he said. He had heard something about an application, he said, but didn't know anything about it.

Silva had left Venezuela four years earlier, after experiencing sexual assault, death threats and intense homophobia, he said. He spent years in Lima, Peru, working in nightclubs, before making his way to Colombia. Now, with $100 in his pockets, he hoped to reach the United States. Maybe the United States, he hoped, would be a safer place for a gay man. But he worried about what might happen at the border.

From here on out, Luque explained, there would be new requirements for migrants entering the United States. She suggested that they use the U.S. Customs and Border Protection application and wait for an appointment with immigration authorities.

Some migrants don't learn about the system until they get to Mexico, she told The Washington Post, when they might have failed to carry with them the documents they would need. Her goal was to tell them the requirements before they left so they would be better prepared at the border. She hoped.

Of all the migrants Luque spoke with Thursday, she said, only one understood the end of the Title 42 policy, thanks to a Telegram channel. Most of the others knew very little to nothing at all. But as news spread on social media and WhatsApp, many feared it amounted to a closed border.

"For many of them, it was the end of the American Dream," Luque said. Migrants who had made it to Panama and Costa Rica told her they were turning around and heading back to Colombia. Many had run out of money, and they wouldn't be able to wait in Mexico for an appointment with immigration authorities.

Others were resolute. Robert Castillo, a 43-year-old originally from Maracay, Venezuela, crossed the Darién Gap and made it to the U.S. border in March. But he was stopped by migration authorities and sent back to Mexico, he said, where he suffered an accident while trying to board the freight train hopped by migrants known as "The Beast." His foot was crushed and ultimately amputated. But now he was trying to cross again.

"I'm going there, and no one will change my mind," he said. "Some people say that if you get caught, you get deported to your country, but I don't know if that's true. A friend of mine crossed and apparently is now in a shelter, but I'm waiting for her to contact me and tell me how she did it."

As the Title 42 policy expired at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, many migrants were unsure what to do next. Nayrobi, 38, had traveled to Necoclí from Venezuela with her four children. Nayrobi, who spoke on the condition that her last name be withheld out of concern for their security, had hoped to make it to the U.S. border before the policy changed. She had heard in TikTok videos and on Facebook that the border would be closing after Thursday.

But by the time she had reached Necoclí, she had run out of money, and she wasn't sure whether it was worth continuing the journey. She decided she would wait until she knew more about the situation at the border — whether President Biden was, in fact, closing it to migrants like her.

"We'll see what the president says," she said.

Schmidt reported from Bogotá, Colombia. Ana Vanessa Herrero in Caracas, Venezuela, and Diana Durán in Bogotá contributed to this report.

DIGEST

SERBIA

Amnesty brings in 13,500 weapons

Authorities in Serbia on Sunday displayed stacks of guns and cartons of hand grenades from the thousands of weapons, including antitank rocket launchers, that they said people handed over since back-to-back mass shootings stunned the Balkan nation.

The government declared a one-month amnesty period for citizens to surrender unregistered weapons as part of a crackdown on guns following the two shootings in two days this month that left 17 people dead, many of them children.

Officials said residents had turned over about 13,500 items since the amnesty opened May 8. The relinquished weapons will go to Serbian arms and ammunition factories for potential use by the country's armed forces, President Aleksandar Vucic said.

Serbia has tens of thousands of weapons brought in from the battlefields of the 1990s wars in the Balkans. It is estimated to be among the top countries in Europe in registered weapons per capita, and many more are held illegally. Similar weapons amnesties were held in the past with only limited success.

Authorities have said people caught with illegal weapons once the amnesty period ends could face prison sentences of up to 15 years, if they are convicted.

"After June 8, the state will respond with repressive measures and punishments will be very strict," Vucic said. "What does anyone need an automatic weapon for? Or all these guns?"

— Associated Press

SERBIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/AP

Some of the estimated 13,500 weapons collected as part of Serbia's amnesty following two shootings in two days are displayed in a warehouse near the city of Smederevo. The relinquished weapons will go to Serbian arms and ammunition factories for potential use by the country's armed forces, President Aleksandar Vucic said.

KENYA

Herders kill 10 lions, including one of oldest

One of Kenya's oldest wild lions was killed by herders and the government has expressed concern as six lions were speared at a village Saturday, bringing to 10 the number killed last week alone.

The male lion named Loonkiito was 19 years old and was described as frail by Kenya Wildlife Service spokesperson Paul Jinaro, who said Loonkiito wandered out of the Amboseli national park into a village in search of food Thursday night.

Six other lions from the same national park were speared by herders after they killed 11 goats in Mbirikani area, Kajiado county. The deaths brought to 10 the number of lions killed by herders last week in escalated human-wildlife conflict that has worried the government.

Tourism minister Peninah Malonza met locals in Mbirikani area on Sunday and urged them not to spear wandering lions and to instead reach out to the wildlife service. The government and conservation groups have a compensation program for herders whose livestock is killed by wild animals. But herders have become more protective after losing livestock to a drought that has been called the worst in decades in East Africa.

— Associated Press

GAZA STRIP

Cease-fire holds; rocket fired in error

A fragile cease-fire between Israeli forces and militants in the Gaza Strip appeared to be holding Sunday after a five-day clash that killed 33 Palestinians and two people in Israel.

In an early test for the truce, Palestinian militants fired a rocket that landed in an open area of southern Israel on Sunday evening. Palestinian media said the launch was caused by a technical error as militants were trying to deactivate the rocket.

Israel responded with tank fire on what it said were two military posts belonging to Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group. Hamas stayed out of the recent round of fighting, but Israel says it holds the group responsible for fire coming out of the territory.

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33 killed in extremist attack in Burkina Faso: An attack by suspected Islamic extremists on a village in the west of Burkina Faso killed 33 civilians, the provincial governor's office said. The provisional death toll from the Thursday evening attack on the village of Youlou in Mouhoun province was announced in a press release. Provincial governor Babo Pierre Bassinga called the attack "cowardly and barbaric."

Crash in Mexico kills 13: A tractor trailer and a van crashed on a highway in the northern Mexican state of Tamaulipas on Sunday morning, killing 13 people, local authorities said. The two vehicles crashed about half an hour outside of the state capital Ciudad Victoria and then caught on fire, the Tamaulipas' public security ministry said. The truck carrying the trailer was no longer at the scene by the time authorities arrived.

— From news services

Erdogan claims lead; opponent says he’s blocking the vote

CAGLA GURDOGAN/REUTERS

Election officials count votes in Ankara, Turkey. Vote tallies carried by two news agencies Sunday — one state-run, the other aligned with the opposition — suggested that the race remained tight.

TURKEY FROM **A1**

the race remained tight, with a few percentage points separating the candidates and Erdogan in the lead. Neither had passed the 50 percent threshold required to claim victory outright, according to the tallies, results that, if confirmed by the country’s election board, would trigger a runoff between the two men on May 28.

The bitter arguments over the election underscored opposition fears that Erdogan, who wields control over Turkey’s state institutions and most of its media outlets, would deploy every tool at his disposal to stay in power.

Erdogan, in a speech to supporters in Ankara in the early hours of Monday, said that results from the election were not final but that he was in the lead and expected to win in the first round. Whatever the result, he added, “We are going to respect the national will.”

The election was the toughest test to date for Erdogan, Turkey’s most successful politician in generations and its leader for two decades. He has been blamed for an economic crisis that has battered Turkish households. And Turks are still recovering from catastrophic earthquakes in February that killed more than 50,000 people and that exposed government lapses — in the enforcement of building codes and in rescue efforts that the president has conceded were tardy, with fatal consequences.

The race was being closely watched around the world. Kilicdaroglu has promised to usher Turkey, a NATO member, into a new era by revitalizing democracy after years of government repression and refreshing ties with Turkey’s estranged allies in the West.

Erdogan’s campaign focused on strides he said Turkey made under his rule, as a country modernized by megaprojects such as bridges and airports and an independent global power that produced its own military weapons. He also savagely attacked the opposition, claiming they were backed by “terrorist” groups, in what analysts said was a sign of desperation as he flirted with defeat for the first time in years.

As of late Sunday, neither campaign had confirmed that the race was headed to a runoff, with votes yet to count. Ahmet Yener, chairman of Turkey’s Supreme Election Board, suggested many votes had not been tallied, telling journalists Sunday evening that “currently, 69.12 percent of the ballot boxes have been opened.”

Mansur Yavas, the mayor of Ankara and a surrogate for Kilicdaroglu, said that while there was a “high probability” Kilicdaroglu had won the first round, there was also a “high probability” of a runoff. Both campaigns urged their supporters to zealously guard the ballot boxes and ensure the integrity of the vote.

A third presidential candidate, Sinan Ogan, an ultranationalist, claimed at least 5 percent of the vote, according to the preliminary tallies — a result that provided him with leverage over the remaining candidates should there be a runoff. Ogan, the leader of the Ata (Ancestor) Alliance, a group of four small right-wing groups, has campaigned in large part on an anti-immigrant platform and has advocated sending millions of Syrian refugees back to their country, potentially by force.

Long lines were seen at polling stations in Istanbul, Turkey’s largest city, where Erdogan voted Sunday morning. Kilicdaroglu cast his ballot in Ankara. High turnout was reported around the country.

Outside a polling station in the Istanbul neighborhood of Kurtulus early Sunday, Garip Cicek, a 48-year-old security guard, said he was waiting “impatiently” for the evening’s results. “It’s important for my nation,” he said. He was voting for Erdogan, he said, because he supported the president’s development of the defense industry.

“This is a matter of pride,” he said. During Erdogan’s 20 years in power, he added, “many things” had been accomplished, including the recent unveiling of the first domestically produced electric car.

“The result is clear,” he said, predicting an Erdogan win. “With God’s will, we can stay where we are.”

Another voter in the neighborhood was just as convinced that Kilicdaroglu would prevail and that Turkey could not remain as it was. “I haven’t felt this excited or happy in such a long time,” said Ayse Kolikpinar, 33.

Sunday’s vote was like a “referendum” for Turkey, she said: “Either we choose the Republic or a one-man regime.”

The trauma of the earthquakes in Turkey and neighboring Syria ensured a subdued run-up to the election, as Erdogan toured a string of devastated cities, asking for forgiveness and pledging to rebuild. Then his tone shifted, as polls showed the race was too close to call or that he was trailing.

On Saturday, Erdogan accused the United States of trying to interfere in the election. “Biden instructed, ‘We need to bring down Erdogan,’ ” he said during a speech in Istanbul. “Tomorrow, the ballot boxes will give Biden an answer, as well.”

Erdogan, who rose to power as an Islamist politician, commands a loyal base of supporters, including Muslim conservatives whose rights and place in public life he has championed. Several years ago, Erdogan struck an alliance with a far-right party, ensuring his political survival.

Erdogan ended his campaign Saturday night with prayers at the Hagia Sophia, the Istanbul landmark that Erdogan converted in 2020 from a museum into a mosque, to the delight of his pious supporters.

> *“They are blocking the system with repeated objections. . . . We will not allow this to be a fait accompli.”*
>
> **Kemal Kilicdaroglu,** in a televised speech from his party’s headquarters

During the campaign, Kilicdaroglu, a soft-spoken former bureaucrat who lacks Erdogan’s charisma, delivered his messages of change to Turkey’s public through videos posted on Twitter and other social media platforms to evade the government’s stranglehold on the news media. On Thursday, a third-party candidate, Muharrem Ince, withdrew from the election, potentially providing a further boost to Kilicdaroglu.

Days before the election, Erdogan addressed fears over whether he would accept the results.

“This is a very silly question,” the president said in a nationally televised interview with journalists Friday. “We came to power in Turkey through a democratic way. We came to power with the trust of our people. Just as we came to power with the favor of our people, that is, if our nation makes a different decision, we will do exactly that, whatever the necessity of democracy. There is nothing else to do.”

The string of cities in southern Turkey crushed by the earthquakes were being closely watched Sunday for indications of voter turnout, in a region where hundreds of thousands of people were displaced. In Antakya, one of Turkey’s most devastated cities, a 62-year-old contractor returned with his family to vote Sunday, driving from the coastal Mediterranean city of Mersin, about three hours away, where they had found temporary shelter.

In Antakya’s Elektrik neighborhood, the contractor, Mehmet, stopped at the site of his former apartment building and began searching what remained of the rubble. He said he had reinforced the foundation of the building himself. It had withstood the earthquakes but was left uninhabitable after neighboring buildings fell onto it.

Immediately after the earthquakes, the family applied to stay in a tent or container nearby, but Mehmet — who declined to give his last name for fear of the current political climate — said nothing came of it. “For the past three months, we’ve been ruined, and nobody has reached out to us,” he said.

He and his family members — including his 87-year-old diabetic mother and his wife, who has a debilitating hormonal disorder called Addison’s disease — eventually found shelter in the home of a friend in Mersin. But Mehmet described the arrangement as temporary and doesn’t know what comes after. It’s hard, he said, to “see a future for myself.”

Mehmet called the earthquake relief effort in Antakya a missed opportunity for Erdogan. “If he really reached out to us, he could have won the people’s hearts here, but he didn’t,” Mehmet said. “If you try to heal people’s wounds, if you reach out to them in their time of need, people will embrace you. But if you treat people like they’re from the ‘other’ side, they’ll see you the same way, too.”

The family voted for Kilicdaroglu.

Oztaskin reported from Antakya, Turkey.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

NATO races to bridge divisions over Kyiv's membership ahead of summit

BY MISSY RYAN AND EMILY RAUHALA

NATO nations are locked in negotiations to determine next steps in Ukraine's path toward joining the Western alliance, as member states scramble to bridge divisions over how quickly Kyiv should be brought under the transatlantic security shield at a time of acute hostility with Russia.

The discussions have intensified in the weeks before President Biden and other NATO leaders are due to gather in Vilnius, Lithuania, to cement plans for strengthening defenses against Russia, which upended decades of relative stability in Europe with its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Officials from NATO nations, many of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to detail sensitive diplomatic discussions, said there is consensus among the alliance's 31 members that, despite advocacy from Kyiv, NATO will not issue Ukraine a formal invitation to join at the July 11-12 meeting.

But Eastern European nations are pushing for concrete steps toward that goal, including potential commitment to a timeline for Ukraine's accession, even as the United States and some Western European nations advocate smaller steps that could include a bureaucratic upgrade to a NATO-Ukraine body or a decision to further expand NATO's technical support to Ukraine's defense sector.

"The Vilnius summit will not be historic," said Ambassador Nataliia Galibarenko, the head of Ukraine's mission to NATO, "without the decision on Ukraine's future in the alliance."

Despite the difficulties involved with admitting a country in the midst of a major war, Ukraine believes that NATO "should define a path for our membership, and set the algorithm of Ukraine's movement toward accession to NATO, instead of another repetition of the statement about 'open doors' policy," Galibarenko said. "This is not enough."

The disconnect among NATO members — 15 years after the United States spearheaded a push to declare that Ukraine would eventually join the alliance — highlights the risks such steps could entail at a fraught moment in the West's standoff with Russia. It also underscores the potential for longer-term challenges within NATO despite the cohesion that has characterized the alliance's response to the war.

President Vladimir Putin has long cited NATO's inclusion of former Soviet states, which has occurred incrementally since the end of the Cold War, as a threat to Russia's security.

Tuuli Duneton, a senior official in Estonia's Defense Ministry, said the Vilnius summit offers a chance to send a strong message to Ukraine: "That after all the suffering they have endured, their place belongs [in] NATO, and they are more than welcome to join."

Officials in Baltic nations have proposed that NATO — beyond reiterating the 2008 formula that Ukraine would gain entry on an undetermined timeline — issue Ukraine a formal membership invitation in Vilnius, or launch a process to set a time frame and specific conditions for Ukraine's accession, even if it is a lengthier one because of the war.

Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky of the Czech Republic, in Central Europe, said his "wish list" for Vilnius includes "providing a relevant path" for Ukraine into NATO. What is being discussed ahead of the summit, he said, is "the level of political will" about how quickly to proceed.

Countries that support faster action argue that making membership conditional on Ukraine's ability to repel Russia's full-scale invasion effectively gives Putin a veto — not the message NATO wants to send.

They say history shows that only membership, not the promise of it, can deter Russia's use of force. Months after NATO's 2008 declaration of eventual accession for Ukraine and Georgia, another former Soviet republic, Putin sent Russian forces into Georgia to seize territory. Ukraine's slow steps toward NATO accession likewise did not deter Putin's illegal seizure of Crimea in 2014 or its full-scale invasion last year.

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NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, second from left, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, right, meet in Kyiv last month. Member states differ on a timeline for Ukraine's accession.

In a recent essay for Foreign Affairs, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba called for swift action and said Ukraine had proved its readiness over the past 18 months. "It is time for the alliance to stop making excuses and start the process that leads to Ukraine's eventual accession, showing Putin that he has already failed," he wrote.

But unlike 2008, it is the United States, along with other powerful allies in Western Europe, that prefers a slower, more cautious approach.

U.S. officials say the Biden administration prefers that NATO nations prioritize providing Ukraine with continued battlefield support as it prepares for a long-awaited counteroffensive. They see membership and potential security guarantees as matters that should be addressed as part of an eventual settlement to the war.

"The focus at this point has to be on practical support, and how do we best sustain the security assistance that we are providing Ukraine," a senior U.S. official told reporters in Brussels last month. "That is the overriding political objective right now," the official added, contending that the broader political relationship post-conflict between NATO and Ukraine would be "somewhat moot if we don't absolutely guarantee that we're able to sustain the security assistance."

Countries with stronger reservations point out that admitting Ukraine while it is at war with Russia could automatically trigger Article V, NATO's mutual defense clause, which would thrust the alliance into a major conflict with the world's biggest nuclear power. Rapid steps toward accession might also cause Putin to escalate his campaign in Ukraine.

One official from Eastern Europe said there is "something of a ping-pong between Germany, France and the U.S.," in which each country indicates that the others are the ones with the most significant reservations. The French and German governments declined to provide comment for this article.

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has frequently cited NATO's support for Ukrainian membership but has offered no specifics on when or how that might happen. Last month, he urged alliance nations to concentrate on continued assistance, "because without a sovereign, independent Ukraine, there is no meaning in discussing membership."

While NATO nations, led by the United States, have funneled billions of dollars' worth of weaponry to Kyiv since the invasion, the alliance itself has not done so as it seeks to rebut Putin's claim that NATO acts as an aggressor.

Despite the differing views, officials have stressed the importance of projecting cohesion as Ukraine attempts to put itself in the strongest position possible for potential negotiations with Russia.

"The objective between now and Vilnius is getting to an agreement that displays unity and tangible support to Ukraine, maintains the open-door policy and shows progress toward membership, while respecting the concerns of some member countries," a British diplomat said.

Duneton, from Estonia, noted that the alliance's ability to remain united "is very closely watched by the Kremlin as well."

An area of agreement among most NATO nations is the importance of finalizing Sweden's entry as its 32nd member after months of delay by member states Turkey and Hungary. Diplomats expect Turkey, which has cited what it says is Sweden's lax treatment of Kurdish emigres Ankara labels terrorists, to sign off on Sweden's candidacy after elections this month.

Beyond a road map, Ukraine is pushing for more practical cooperation. Galibarenko said its priorities include the creation of a modern NATO-compatible air and missile defense architecture, the establishment of a system for medical rehabilitation of wounded service members, and the development of a national system for humanitarian demining. Ultimately, she argued, membership would be in the interest of the alliance.

"Without Ukraine, it is impossible to ensure the strength of NATO's eastern flank," she said. "Just as Finland and Sweden will strengthen NATO's northern flank, Ukraine will ensure the security of Eastern Europe and the Black Sea region."

William Taylor served as U.S. ambassador in Kyiv in 2008 when NATO made its pronouncement about Ukraine and Georgia. As a sign of U.S. support, President George W. Bush stopped in Kyiv on his way to the NATO summit in Bucharest. Unlike now, only a minority of Ukrainians supported joining NATO at that time.

Even though more than a decade has passed, Taylor said the war and Ukraine's strong showing against Russia make its long-deferred transformation into a NATO member more likely than ever.

"I've always thought it would happen," he said. "The question was going to be when."

Ryan reported from Washington and Rauhala reported from Brussels.

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Wagner offered Ukraine deal

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positions Prigozhin offered to disclose.

Two Ukrainian officials confirmed that Prigozhin has spoken several times to the Ukrainian intelligence directorate, known as HUR. One official said that Prigozhin extended the offer regarding Bakhmut more than once, but that Kyiv rejected it because officials don't trust Prigozhin and thought his proposals could have been disingenuous.

A U.S. official also cautioned that there are similar doubts in Washington about Prigozhin's intentions. The Ukrainian and U.S. officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information.

In an interview with The Washington Post this month, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky would not confirm the contacts with Prigozhin. "This is a matter of [military] intelligence," he said. The Ukrainian leader also objected to airing classified information publicly and said he believed that the leaks had benefited Russia.

But there is no debating Prigozhin's bitter frustration with the grinding fight in Bakhmut. He has complained, publicly and privately, that the Russian Defense Ministry has not given his fighters the ammunition and other resources they need to succeed. Bakhmut, in eastern Ukraine, has seen some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. Over the past few months, in a grinding back and forth measured by city blocks, Ukrainian and Russian forces have taken steep casualties.

Prigozhin, who promised to take control of the city by May 9, in time for Russia's Victory Day celebrations, has recently threatened publicly to pull his forces out of the fight.

Other leaked documents reveal Russian Defense Ministry officials privately wondering how to respond to Prigozhin's criticism of the military's performance and his demands for more resources, which they apparently conceded were not illegitimate grievances. The documents also speak to a power struggle between Prigozhin and top officials, including Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu.

Against that tense backdrop, Prigohzin has carried on a secret relationship with Ukrainian intelligence that, in addition to phone calls, includes in-person meetings with HUR officers in an unspecified country in Africa, one document states. Wagner forces provide security to several governments on the continent.

The leaked U.S. intelligence shows Prigozhin bemoaning the heavy toll that fighting has taken on his own forces and urging Ukraine to strike harder against Russian troops.

According to one document, Prigozhin told a Ukrainian intelligence officer that the Russian military was struggling with ammunition supplies. He advised Ukrainian forces to push forward with an assault on the border of Crimea, which Russia has illegally annexed, while Russian troop morale was low. The report also referred to other intelligence noting that Prigozhin was aware of plummeting morale among Wagner forces and that some of his fighters had balked at orders to deploy in the Bakhmut area under heavy fire, for fear of suffering more casualties.

The Kremlin did not respond to a request for comment about Prigozhin's communications with Ukraine.

In wartime, it is not unusual for opposing parties to maintain some form of communication. And the documents don't reveal Prigozhin's intention in talking to his erstwhile foes in Ukraine. In an interview, a Ukrainian official characterized the contacts in the spirit of "keeping your friends close and your enemies closer."

The documents also suggest that Kyiv suspects, or may know, that the Kremlin is aware of Prigozhin's communications with Ukrainian intelligence, if not his secret negotiations over Bakhmut.

One document, based on "sigint" — or intercepted communications — states that Ukraine's military intelligence chief, Kyrylo Budanov, "expected the Russians to use details of Prigozhin's secret talks with the HUR and his meetings with their officers in Africa to make him appear to be a Ukrainian agent." It doesn't specify whether Budanov suspects Moscow may already know that Prigozhin is talking to HUR officers.

When informed that U.S. intelligence documents revealed Prigozhin's communications with Ukrainian intelligence, the mercenary commander appeared to make light of the situation. "Yes of course I can confirm this information, we have nothing to hide from the foreign special services. Budanov and I are still in Africa," Prigohzin wrote on Sunday via his Telegram channel.

Prigohzin didn't immediately respond to a question about his offer to disclose Russian troop positions in exchange for a Ukrainian pullback in Bakhmut.

Mary Ilyushina in Riga, Latvia, contributed to the report.

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Wagner Group owner Yevgeniy Prigozhin appears in a video in which he asks Ukraine to withdraw its forces from Bakhmut.

Thailand's parliamentary election could bring an end to military rule

BY REBECCA TAN AND VASAPA WANICHWETHIN

BANGKOK, THAILAND — Opposition parties in Thailand took a commanding lead in the country's parliamentary election on Sunday, according to an official vote tally, potentially signaling the end of the military's nearly decade-long rule here.

With more than 80 percent of the ballots counted, the two biggest opposition parties had garnered well over 50 percent of the popular vote for the House of Representatives late Sunday, according to the Election Commission.

The election has been touted as a pivotal moment for Thailand, which was once seen as a robust democracy but has been led since 2014 by an authoritarian military establishment aligned with the monarchy. Ousting the military could mean a return to democratic rule, analysts say, with wider implications for the Southeast Asian region.

Also at stake is the legitimacy of traditional institutions such as the military and the monarchy, revered by older citizens but increasingly challenged by the younger generation.

By Sunday night, Move Forward, a progressive, youth-oriented party that has sought to curb the powers of the Thai monarchy, had won the most votes. It made a surprising surge past Pheu Thai, the party of exiled former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, which was widely expected to dominate.

Move Forward was also set to win the most number of seats in the House of Representatives, a 500-member body, coming out ahead even in Pheu Thai strongholds.

The party "has taken this election by storm," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a professor of political science at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. "It's breathtaking — a political earthquake."

On the other side, the Thai military's two proxy parties, Ruam Thai Sang Chart and Palungpracharat, trailed with 12 and 10 percent of the popular vote, respectively. But there was still a chance they could emerge victorious, thanks in part to a constitutional provision that gives Thailand's military leaders the power to appoint all 250 members of the Senate.

Thailand's prime minister is elected by both chambers, meaning the opposition must win the House by large margins — but both parties have vowed not to form coalitions with their pro-military counterparts.

"If people show their determination or their expression in choosing who will carry their dreams and hopes, no one should disregard the will of the people," Pita Limjaroenrat, Move Forward's leader and prime ministerial candidate said at a news conference as the vote count was underway. "To go against the will of the people will not benefit anyone," Pita said, referring to the Senate.

The Election Commission has up to 60 days to finalize exact vote counts, though commission chair Itthiporn Boonprakong said last week that full, unofficial results would be released by May 19.

Opposition parties and watchdog groups worried that the ruling establishment could attempt to rig the election in its favor.

Early last week, a candidate for Palungpracharat, a pro-military party, accused Move Forward's Pita of failing to declare past ownership of stocks in a now-defunct media company.

Ruangkrai Leekitwattana of Palungpracharat said he had petitioned the Election Commission to investigate the issue, which he claimed was a violation of election rules.

But supporters of Move Forward said Ruangkrai's accusation was a spurious attempt to undermine Pita, who had surged to the top of national polls in recent weeks, drawing massive crowds even outside the party's urban strongholds. In 2019, the Constitutional Court, which has links to the military, leveled a similar accusation against the leader of Future Forward, an earlier incarnation of Move Forward, forcing the party to eventually disband.

At rallies and polling stations this weekend, voters said they were skeptical the elections would be carried out in a free and fair way.

"I will do what I'm able, which is to go out and vote," Vitsarut Tangsuppayakorn, 32, a Move Forward supporter, said at a rally Friday.

Benjaporn Triluksanawi, 44, also a Move Forward supporter, said Sunday that people are suspicious because the Election Commission has often not provided enough transparency — in 2019, for example, it took six weeks to tabulate final results using a complex formula that was heavily criticized by opposition groups.

"We want to see change," said Benjaporn shortly after casting her vote in central Bangkok, "We've been in stasis for too long."

The election has unearthed deep fault lines in Thai society, pitting an older generation that sees the military as protectors of the crown against the country's youth, who say Thailand has languished under military rule.

Move Forward and its supporters have publicly questioned the powers of the royal family, a profoundly taboo topic until recently.

Wanida, 82, who declined to share her last name, said she has seen these forces divide her family. Most of those in her generation support the ruling government but many of the family's 11 grandchildren believe in Move Forward — some so fervently that they refuse to talk to her about politics anymore.

"The new generation has been provoked by some kind of ideology," said Wanida, a retired university professor. "And they don't respect their elders."

Wearing a mask and a cardigan, she had voted at a polling station in Bangkok just moments before Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha arrived in a black Mercedes car to cast his vote. As reporters swarmed the retired general, she hobbled away toward a quiet sidewalk. Even if the results don't end up being what she wants, she said, she'll try to let it go.

"My time," she added, "is almost up."

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In Germany, Zelensky reaffirms a fragile bond

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS AND KATE BRADY

BERLIN — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz pledged Sunday to support Ukraine for as long as needed to repel Russia's invasion as President Volodymyr Zelensky visited Berlin and the two leaders tried to bolster their countries' sometimes strained relationship.

Zelensky followed that with a surprise trip to Paris to meet with French President Emmanuel Macron on Sunday evening.

While Germany is Ukraine's second-biggest supporter when it comes to overall humanitarian, military and financial aid during the war — second only to the United States — this was Zelensky's first trip to Berlin since the invasion began. His travels to the Netherlands, France and Finland all preceded his arrival in Berlin.

Ukrainian officials and analysts blamed the delay on Germany's prior ties to Russia, its perceived dithering at the beginning of the war and its foot-dragging on sending heavy weaponry. Zelensky's visit came with its own road bumps and was almost upended because of media leaks that were deemed to present a security risk.

But as the two leaders appeared together at a news conference on Sunday, they put on a show of unity. Germany has also provided Ukraine with more military aid than any other country in the European Union, announcing a day ahead of the visit a new package for Ukraine totaling $2.95 billion, which almost doubles Berlin's total commitment since Russia invaded in February 2022.

"I have said it many times, and I repeat it here today: We will support you for as long as it is necessary," Scholz said. The weapons deliveries he outlined, which will include new IRIS-T air defense systems and Leopard 2 tanks, come as Ukraine prepares a counteroffensive against Russia.

"This is about fighting back an attack on Ukrainian territory," he said.

Yet the chancellor sidestepped a question over whether Germany supports a road map for Ukrainian membership in the NATO alliance, saying the current focus is on the counteroffensive. He rejected the characterization of Ukrainian-German relations as rocky, describing them as "very good."

Zelensky said that the new defense package is "a very strong pillar of support" and said that although Germany is already

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German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, left, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky inspect a honor guard Sunday in Berlin.

Ukraine's second-biggest supporter, "we are going to work on making Germany supporter number one."

The Ukrainian leader arrived from Italy, where he met with Pope Francis and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. He received military honors as he was greeted in Berlin.

He also met on Sunday with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, a politician who has been criticized for his previous cozy relations with Moscow. The session represented a thaw after Zelensky rejected a visit by Steinmeier to Kyiv last year, setting off a diplomatic spat.

On Sunday afternoon, Zelensky traveled to the western German city of Aachen to receive the International Charlemagne Prize for services to Europe.

France then dispatched a plane to pick Zelensky up in Germany, France 24 reported. Macron's office said the two presidents would discuss Ukraine's military and humanitarian needs and "long term perspectives for a return to peace in Europe."

Zelensky's visit to Germany almost didn't happen after details of his itinerary, including the hotel he had booked, were published by a Berlin newspaper, according to a Ukrainian official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal government deliberations.

"People were furious," the official said, adding that it was the first time such explicit details had been made public so far in advance of a Zelensky visit abroad.

Berlin police have launched an investigation into how the information reached the media. Chief Barbara Slowik described it as "unbearable" that "a single employee is damaging the reputation of the Berlin police in such a shameful way nationally and internationally."

The Ukrainian official speculated as to whether more nefarious reasons were at play. "Was the intention to destroy this relationship?" the official said of the impact on German-Ukrainian ties. "It's very fragile."

The tension in the relationship — rooted in the two countries' differing views of the Russian threat — long predates the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine last year. In Ukraine, Germany is regularly blamed for laying Russia's path for the war by ignoring Kyiv's warnings that construction of the Nord Stream pipelines threatened its security by allowing Russian oil deliveries to Europe to bypass its territory. Sholz's predecessor, Angela Merkel, is also criticized for pushing the government to accept the maligned Minsk agreements following Russia's 2014 invasion and illegal annexation of Crimea.

After Russia's invasion last year, Scholz announced a "zeitenwende," or turning point, in the country's defense strategy and pledged to send weapons, a move that had previously been a red line for Berlin. Still, Kyiv has regularly criticized Berlin for being slow to act when it comes to deliveries of heavy weapons and tanks.

Scholz acknowledged on Sunday that Germany has been "cautious" with deliveries but said that may have helped the country's support to be more continuous. The issue remains contentious in Germany.

According to a YouGov survey carried out for the anniversary of the invasion, 40 percent of Germans felt that Berlin had already shipped too much weaponry to Ukraine. Only 22 percent thought the military aid was too little, and 23 percent thought it was the right amount.

For Ukraine, pragmatic considerations influence trips such as Zelensky's to Germany, said Susan Stewart, an analyst at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. The country is keen to shore up continued supplies of tanks from Europe, and Zelensky is also lobbying for fighter jets. Germany has so far ruled out sending jets.

"Germany continues to be an extremely important partner for Ukraine and one that Ukraine appreciates," Stewart said. "It's just that because of this sort of an initial hesitance and because of the previous positions toward Russia, there is this kind of lingering lack of complete trust or a sense that others are perhaps even more on Ukraine's side."

Brittany Shammas contributed to this report.

Cyclone Mocha makes landfall in Myanmar; region braces for devastation

BY NIHA MASIH, ANNABELLE TIMSIT AND IAN LIVINGSTON

A severe cyclonic storm in the Bay of Bengal made landfall in western Myanmar on Sunday, bringing a dangerous storm surge, thrashing winds and heavy rains to parts of that country and neighboring Bangladesh, where some of the world's most vulnerable communities live.

For days, authorities and aid groups prepared for the arrival of Cyclone Mocha, one of the strongest storms to strike the region in years. It made landfall as a strong Category 4 storm after peaking early Sunday as a Category 5 — the highest on the scale — with sustained winds of 175 mph and gusts as high as 200 mph.

Videos posted on social media showed floodwaters gushing through Sittwe in northern Myanmar, as well as powerful gusts ripping foliage off trees and toppling a communication tower. The United Nations warned that 2 million people in Myanmar were at risk because of the wind, rain and potential flooding. And in Bangladesh, close to 1 million refugees living in the Cox's Bazar district along the coast were particularly vulnerable, the U.N. migration agency said.

"These communities are likely to face the brunt of the cyclone," Abdusattor Esoev, the International Organization for Migration's mission chief in Bangladesh, said Sunday. The majority of the refugees living in the area are ethnic Rohingya who fled a violent campaign of ethnic cleansing by the Myanmar military in 2017.

But even amid early reports of some damage and deaths because of the storm — Myanmar said Sunday that five people were killed — there were also signs that the region may have been spared some of the worst devastation predicted by aid agencies and meteorologists.

On Sunday, India's Meteorological Department said the system was "weakening" and would transform from an "extremely severe cyclonic storm" to a "very severe cyclonic storm" in the afternoon. And AKM Nazmul Haque of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department said the cyclone had mostly crossed the Bangladesh coast by 6 p.m. local time.

"The level of risk has reduced to a great extent in our Bangladesh," Azizur Rahman, director of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department in Dhaka, told reporters, according to the Associated Press.

Mozibur Rahman, a local official from St. Martin's Island in Bangladesh, said the storm caused damage to some houses.

"Between 1,000 and 1,200 houses have been damaged here. The roof of many eco-cottages had their roofs blown off and most trees had fallen," he said.

Still, with peak winds of 175 mph, or 150 knots, Mocha ranks as one of the strongest cyclones in the Bay of Bengal during the satellite era (since 1982), and probably one of the strongest on record in the region. Experts say climate change is probably making tropical cyclones more intense globally.

Historically, storms like this have ended up killing hundreds to thousands or more people. Cyclone Nargis, which struck Myanmar in 2008, killed nearly 85,000 people and displaced many more.

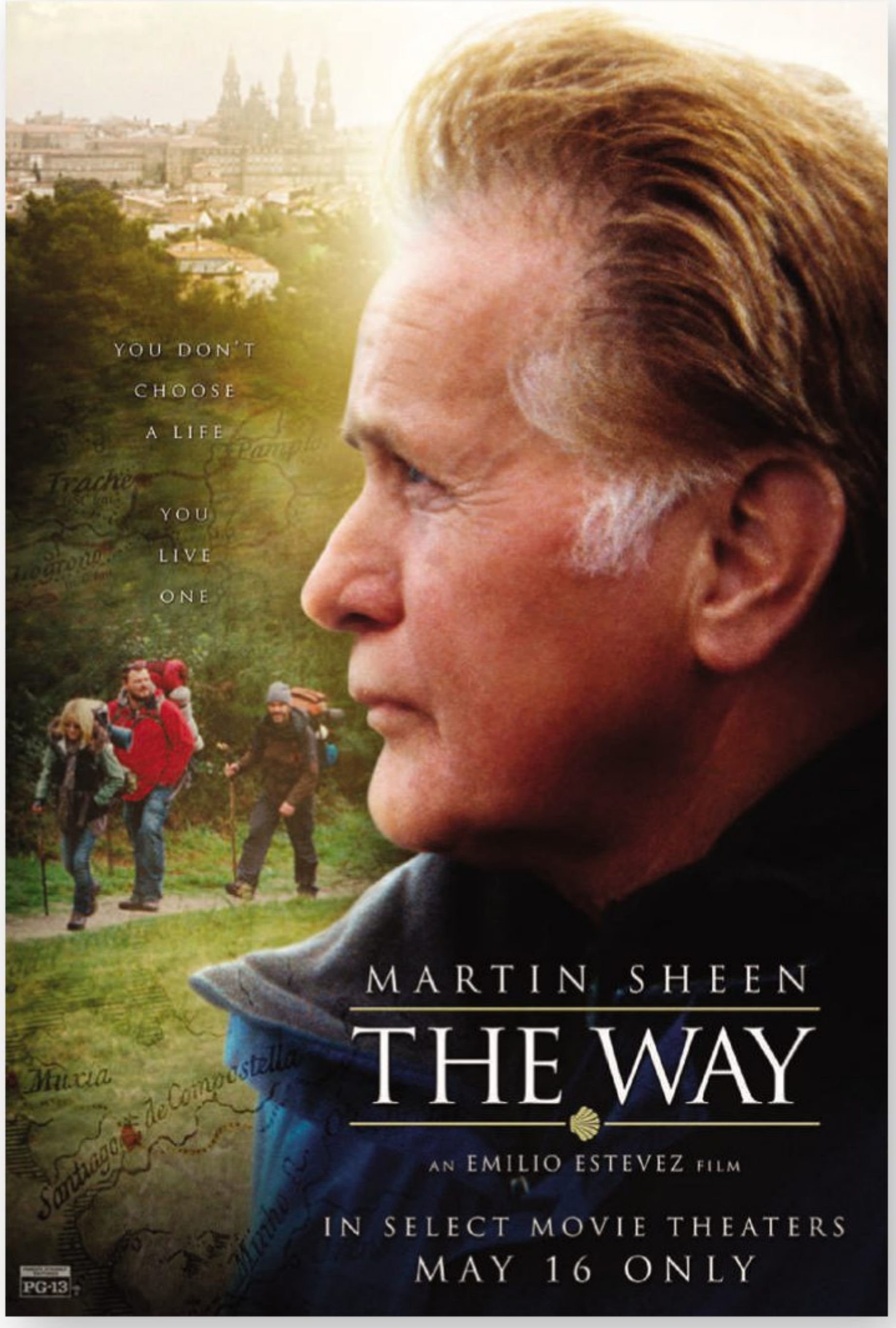
As part of the preparations, Bangladesh and Myanmar evacuated hundreds of thousands of people, officials said. Some 6 million people were already in need of humanitarian assistance in the four areas of Myanmar expected to be most affected by the storm.

The World Food Program said in a statement that it has prepared food supplies to cover the needs of more than 400,000 people in Myanmar's Rakhine state and neighboring areas for a month.

The affected areas are "burdened by conflict, poverty, and weak community resilience," said Sheela Matthew, WFP's deputy director for Myanmar.

"They simply cannot afford another disaster," she said.

Azad Majumder in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Mohammad Faruque in Teknaf, Bangladesh, and Cape Diamond in Yangon, Myanmar, contributed to this report.



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Officials say social media hurts teens. But scientists say it's complicated.

The Technology 202

BY CRISTIANO LIMA

As lawmakers around the country consider expanding protections for children online, many officials have accused platforms of causing harm to younger users.

They have faulted companies for "driving" a teen mental health epidemic. They have likened platforms to "digital fentanyl" and the tech industry to "Big Tobacco." And some have called for sweeping policies to ban or restrict access to social media for kids and teens altogether.

But a new report by the American Psychological Association released Tuesday paints a more complex picture of the relationship between teens and platforms, with top researchers finding that social media use "is not inherently beneficial or harmful to young people" and calling for more research into the matter.

The findings suggest that while scrutiny over social media's impact on kids' health is soaring, studies showing direct harm are still somewhat rare — and public research on the topic is racing to catch up.

The report found that the effect of social media on adolescents is usually "dependent" on individual factors, including what teens can do and see online, how they grew up and what their own "strengths and vulnerabilities" are.

In some instances, researchers wrote, "youths' psychological development may benefit" from social interaction online, especially for "those experiencing mental health crises, or members of marginalized groups."

The report recommended adults monitor younger users but noted actions "should be balanced" with privacy needs. It suggested platforms should be "tailored" in "age-appropriate" ways, including changes to how companies ask for consent to collect personal data, set time limits for daily usage and recommend content to users. And it called for training teens on healthy use.

Evan Greer, director of the digital rights group Fight for the Future, said the report shows that "actual research is far less conclusive and far more nuanced than lawmakers' rhetoric."

But just because the science is still developing doesn't mean companies and policymakers should wait to act, APA Chief Science Officer Mitch Prinstein said.

"In the policy world, we can do things to protect folks when there's a preponderance of evidence," said Prinstein, whose group last year endorsed one key children's online safety bill.

Tech companies and policymakers have taken steps or offered proposals that mirror some of the report's recommendations.

In the face of growing pressure, platforms including Instagram, TikTok and YouTube have rolled out new features to give parents more control over their kids' activity, limit how much time they spend online and make tighter privacy settings a default.

In Washington, lawmakers have introduced a flurry of children's online safety bills, including to make it a legal duty for platforms to prevent certain harms to kids and to require platforms to build safety features into their design. State policymakers have proposed a series of similar bills to create an "age-appropriate design code" for how companies build their products.

Lawmakers at both the state and federal level have also proposed stricter limits on social media access, with Utah and Arkansas banning social media for children and requiring parental consent for teens, and Senate lawmakers introducing a measure with similar restrictions.

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), one of the lawmakers leading a bill to set an age limit for kids on social media, said the "new report backs up what we already know: social media and the personalized algorithms that feed addictive harmful content are no match for kids."

Prinstein said the evidence doesn't support the age-limit efforts.

"An all-or-nothing approach is not reflecting what we know, scientifically, is best for kids. … The age limit has a high likelihood of backfiring," he said.

The report argued that "age-appropriate use of social media should be based on each adolescent's level of maturity," and noted that "adolescents mature at different rates."

And Prinstein said the evidence suggests social media is one of "many" factors contributing to a teen mental health crisis, not a "predominant or leading cause."

The researchers noted their report had its own limitations.

The group said that while results showing a "causal" link between social media and harms to teens are "rare," it could in part be because the data needed to draw those conclusions "may be available within technology companies," but not to outside researchers.

They also said that due to a lack of research, the "long-term" impact of social media use on adolescents remains "largely unknown." To that end, they called for a "substantial investment in research funding."

Lawmakers last year secured $15 million in funding for research into how social media impacts children as part of the year-end omnibus package.

But Prinstein said the current funding levels are just a "drop in the bucket."

"We need a $100 million mental health moonshot investment in child mental health and a substantial portion of that could be dedicated to understanding social media," he said.

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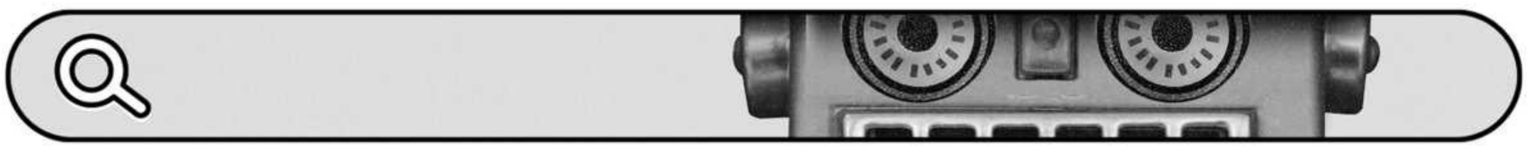

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Google AI is coming, whether you like it or not. Here's what that means for you.

It'll organize the information that's out there, but it's not going to make it better

BY SHIRA OVIDE

There was a lot of news last week about artificial intelligence. (There's a lot of AI news every week.)

Here are three takeaways of what it means for you that AI is coming to Google search, Gmail and Microsoft Office.

Google's AI will organize information for you. But it can't fix the problem of trash information.

Google's new AI will start replying to some searches by sorting information in different ways.

One example from Google: If you're shopping for a bicycle for your hilly five-mile commute, you might see an AI-organized list of bikes with photos and descriptions of their notable features. You don't need to dig into a bunch of links to compile that information on your own.

I'm curious to try Google AI search — you can join a wait list. I'm also skeptical of how useful this AI-infused information will be.

One Google executive said on Wednesday that AI search is about "connecting you to the best of the web." But that is Google's job *today*, and it's not always good at it, especially when there is no "right" answer.

Here's what Google often does well: Search for "NBA playoffs" or "How tall is Taylor Swift?" I see recent basketball game scores and an answer of 5-foot-11 for Swift. Pretty good, right?

Google is plucking facts from its databases or snippets from the internet to give you an answer rather than a bunch of links. These answers are controversial because they stop you from leaving Google for Priceline, Yelp or a Washington Post article. But this is often helpful.

Now type into Google more subjective questions such as "is milk bad for you?," the "best bicycle for a five-mile commute," or the best pediatricians in Dayton, Ohio. Google might again suggest answers by highlighting information from the web or from Google's databases.

Google's answers for these types of questions are sometimes wildly wrong or benefit Google at your expense. The responses might not be useful or personalized to your needs.

Google's experimental AI search will let you ask complex queries and follow up questions in a way you can't with conventional search. We should try the new search for ourselves and keep an open mind.

But AI search also is a souped-up version of Google's existing answers. That means AI search could be a technically sophisticated Band-Aid on a structural problem: The internet is full of garbage. And the web may simply be a bad place to get good answers.

It's a big deal to put AI in technologies that you already use

Most of the AI attention recently has focused on new chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google's Bard. But let's be real. It's hard to make space in your life for new technology.

That's why, even with my doubts about Google AI search, it's a big deal that Google and Microsoft said last week that they're adding new forms of AI into technologies that you already use, including Google search, Gmail, Google Docs and Microsoft Office.

Google, for example, said AI will soon help you draft emails and other writing. If you need to come up with a job description for, say, a technology newsletter writer at The Post, you can soon ask Google Docs to create a draft for you.

Microsoft is making similar promises with its "co-pilot" AI features for Office. You might soon be using text-generating AI to summarize a business meeting for you or guide you through creating a PowerPoint presentation.

I'm again curious to try these writing helpers but also mindful that they may not be magic.

I pasted Tuesday's newsletter about my birdwatching hobby into Microsoft Bing's AI chatbot and asked for funny headline suggestions. They were terrible.

Even with my brilliant colleagues, brainstorming headlines always generates some bad ideas. But Bing's suggestions were so awful that I didn't want to keep spitballing.

These chatbots are still crude. And you might find them better writing partners than I did.

I'm also not good at the art of "speaking" chatbots' language, including going back and forth to refine the AI-generated text.

I'll put in the effort to learn only once I believe the investment is worth it. I'm not there yet.

Don't get too excited or disappointed about any new AI thing

Technologists have a terrible track record of predicting what will turn out to be life-altering inventions. So do economists.

Don't believe anyone who confidently says that new forms of AI will change the world, kill Google search or put you out of work. No one knows anything.

We and tech companies are still learning the best uses for AI that generates text or images at your command — and where it might be an expensive, overly complicated and unhelpful dead end.

I admitted to someone last week that I've been using AI chatbots like I use Google search, and that might be completely the wrong approach.

This phase of AI is full of laboratory experiments in public with you and me as guinea pigs. I think that's mostly good, but it is going to be messy.

One tiny win

You may not need AI to get better search results. My favorite old-school search trick is the Reddit shortcut.

Somewhere on Reddit's massive online community, people have probably discussed whatever topic you're looking into right now.

If you type a search term and add "+Reddit" to the end, you will see recommendations from real people on Reddit that might beat anything you'll find from a search engine. (Doing a search on Reddit is inferior to using Google to search Reddit.)

I tried both Bing's AI chatbot and a Reddit search to find things to do on my upcoming vacation in Cape May, N.J.

The Bing chatbot recommendations were meh. The Reddit trick for a similar search turned up multiple conversations in Reddit forums that I found more useful.

Reddit has problems with garbage information, too, and I still prefer to ask people I know for subjective questions such as what to do on my vacation.

But for this head-to-head match up between an AI chatbot and Reddit, I think Reddit won in a landslide.

APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATIONS AND NONPROFITS

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association of Arlington appointed **Kenneth Lisaius** senior vice president of communications.

LAW AND LOBBYING

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck of the District appointed **Brandt Anderson** and **Tripp McKemey** senior policy advisers.

DLA Piper of the District appointed **Brian Winterhalter** partner.

Kirkland & Ellis of the District appointed **Shagufa Hossain** partner.

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Company	Insider	Title	Date	Action	Shares	Price	Now holds
Cogent Communications Holdings	John B. Chang	Chief legal officer	May 3	Sold	5,000	72 to 74	42,360
Danaher	Georgeann Couchara	Senior vice president	May 4	Sold	695	245.27	1,565
	Walter G. Lohr Jr.	Board member	May 5	Sold	3,490	240.88	403,115
	Joakim Weidemanis	Executive vice president	May 4	Sold	9,934	245.27	91,423
Evolent Health	Frank Williams	Board member	May 1	Sold	110,000	36.29	885,876
General Dynamics	Mark Malcolm	Board member	May 2	Bought	4,700	214.47	13,607
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Graham Holdings	Thomas Gayner	Board member	May 9	Bought	100	581.63	5,600
NVR	Matthew B. Kelpy	Chief accounting officer	May 3	Sold	150	5,965	283
	Melquiades R. Martinez	Board member	May 3	Sold	750	5,873.92	191
	Susan Ross	Board member	May 3	Sold	125	5,891.65	405
	Paul C. Saville	Chief executive officer	May 1 to May 8	Sold	11,894	5,828.93 to 5,922.42	114,662
Strategic Education	Robert R. Grusky	Board member	May 3	Sold	175	83.05	11,214
United Therapeutics	Paul A. Mahon	General counsel	May 4	Sold	6,000	215.15 to 217.97	36,599
	Nilda Mesa	Board member	May 5	Sold	374	214.81	5,806

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Shoppers at a Moscow clothing store last month.

Break the Russia sanctions stalemate

Fresh ways to put economic pressure on the Kremlin.

THE AIR is seeping out of Russia's sanctions-beleaguered economy, but not fast enough to impede President Vladimir Putin's calamitous war in Ukraine or to inconvenience most Russians. Longtime visitors to Moscow and other cities report that shelves are full and daily life is visibly unchanged, thanks partly to huge state subsidies. It is now clear that the West's campaign to weaken Russia's finances in hopes of dampening Mr. Putin's resolve and popular support will be a slog, not a sprint.

Still, Washington and its allies retain potent ways to undercut the Kremlin's war-making capacity over time — if they are honed and intensified. Better coordination and tighter enforcement of existing restrictions hold the key to sharpening the war's costs for Russian industry and consumers, and to further sapping Russia's ability to continue manufacturing high-tech weapons. Equally important, the West can double down on its success in squeezing the Russian state's most important revenue source: energy.

None of this will be simple. U.S. efforts to broaden the ban of exports to Russia have hit a brick wall in the European Union and Japan, according to a recent report in the Financial Times. And enforcement of multiple rounds of sanctions imposed on Russian entities and individuals has become an increasingly intricate cat-and-mouse game in the 15 months since Russia's unprovoked invasion last year. As the sanctions have multiplied, so has the sophistication of Russia's efforts to evade them.

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That is especially the case in Moscow's efforts to obtain dual-use products — Western-made items and electronic components manufactured for civilian use that can be cannibalized and repurposed for weaponry.

It would help for the United States and the E.U. to coordinate more closely on their export bans. A group of Harvard economists examined the discrepancies in sanctions applied to several thousand products sought by Russia and found that many have been targeted for restrictions by either the E.U. or the United States, but fewer than half have been subject to sanctions from both. For example, high-end washing machines — banned for export by the E.U. but not by the United States — in some cases contain microchips that can be stripped for use in Russia's arms industry, which is on a wartime footing.

That might sound like minor seepage. In fact, many analysts believe tighter controls on electronic components would deepen Moscow's intensifying problems in producing precision missiles and other advanced weapons systems.

For items that Russia can no longer import directly from the West, it has found workarounds in friendly third countries that have served as transshipment points. That has driven up the cost of procurement. But it is a price the Kremlin, awash in funds from last year's spike in energy prices — including a cash pile of nearly $150 billion in its sovereign wealth fund — can bear for the time being.

That means the West needs to target those transshipment countries and double down on its efforts to obstruct the Russia-bound flow of electronics and other key components. The E.U., which is examining banning exports of sensitive products to countries that have been forwarding them to Russia, should move aggressively to do so — even at the cost of diplomatic fallout. It would be wise to target companies in China, Iran, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Armenia and elsewhere that supply Russia's military. South Africa, which the United States has accused of covertly sending arms and munitions to Russia, should also be subjected to scrutiny.

The West could turn up the heat on Armenia, from which the re-export to Russia of a range of critical goods, including electronics, has spiked. Armenia, whose large diaspora population in the United States could be useful in applying pressure, is eager for U.S. security assistance in the face of recent hostilities with Azerbaijan, its fellow former Soviet neighbor. Washington should flex the muscle it has.

The West has been aggressive in targeting oligarchs who help sustain Mr. Putin's regime; it also needs to take more resolute action against the network of services and service providers — lawyers, wealth managers, middlemen, shell companies — that sustains them. Cultivating disaffection among the elite could have a corrosive effect on the regime's stability over time.

The West's most effective measure to date has been the imposition last year of a $60-per-barrel price cap on Russian crude oil, compounded early this year by similar caps on diesel and other refined petroleum products. Those caps — above which Western shippers and insurers will not move the Kremlin's exports — slashed Russia's oil export revenue by nearly a third in the first three months of this year compared with the last three months of 2022, a $15.7 billion hit in a single fiscal quarter, according to the Kyiv School of Economics.

Russia's economy, though it has proved surprisingly resilient, is smaller than Canada's or Italy's; it cannot indefinitely absorb such an income loss — let alone even lower revenue if the West continues to reduce the cap, as it should.

The Ukrainian military has stopped Russia's advance on the battlefield. By enlarging the field of battle to sap Russia's economy, the West might hasten a reckoning for Mr. Putin and the circles around him sooner rather than later.

GUNS IN AMERICA

We have to stop thinking that guns offer protection

By including graphs and statistics with his May 11 Thursday Opinion column, "How many guns will it take to make us safe?," Paul Waldman made clear that the answer to his question is, in fact, that the more guns there are, the more deaths there will be.

I wish he had also included graphs and statistics showing the rise in profits each year for the gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association, and the rise in donations for the politicians who consistently oppose gun-safety legislation — in direct opposition to their constituents.

Greed is listed as one of the seven deadly sins, and the greed those charts would show certainty is deadly for our citizenry.

Deborah Kahn, *Brookeville*

Until Americans stop believing the myth that guns are necessary for "protection," we will never pass any meaningful control on the multitude of murderous weapons possessed by our citizens.

This myth is perpetuated by the National Rifle Association, the gun industry and politicians who run on fear of everything around us — our neighbors, random people who do not look like us, common criminals, etc.

In a Jan. 31, 2022, Los Angeles Times op-ed, "Thinking of buying a gun for self-defense? Don't do it," Steven J. Sainsbury, an emergency room physician, wrote that, in 25 years, he "treated hundreds of patients with gunshot wounds . . . criminals who shot each other . . . gun owners who killed their family members in drunken rages . . . suicide victims who shot themselves with an easily accessible handgun in their home. Yet in all those years of emergency medicine, I never treated a single person who was shot by a law-abiding citizen in self-protection. Not one."

When you use a gun to "protect" yourself from a perceived threat, the person you shoot will likely be hurt or killed. You, the shooter, will pay a heavy price: if not jail time for the inability to justify the use of a gun, then time and expense of a trial in court, at the very least. And it might be that the person from whom you are "protecting" yourself also has a gun and fires at you. Then it's Russian roulette of who comes out unscathed.

There is never a good outcome when guns are involved; only injury and death with lingering consequences for the one hurt, agonizing sorrow for families of the one killed and likely jail time for the one who fires the gun.

Joy Harris, *Lexington, Va.*

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The Champ's magic

The May 8 Retropolis column, "A day after winning a title fight in Maryland, Ali went to prom," sparked fond memories of another visit Muhammad Ali made to a school in the region. It happened in June 1982, not far from where the Champ had recently purchased a horse farm west of Charlottesville.

As a local reporter, I was fortunate to have a front-row seat at a fundraiser for a child-care center. The event near Skyline Drive, I wrote, "resembled a revival, a political convention and a prize fight."

Ali — resplendent in a blue suit and striped tie — kissed babies and not a few of their thrilled mothers. He joked around with throngs of boys in baseball caps. He shadowboxed with all comers.

Mostly, the King of the Ring held court. Accepting a key to Nelson County, Va., he quipped, "I've never seen a city so small and a key so big."

When the ceremony was over, the charismatic athlete asked whether anyone wanted to see his magic show. "Yes!" the crowd cried out.

With that, his handlers fetched a magic kit he kept in his Jeep. Ali made his way into the school auditorium, followed by the thrilled throng. He didn't disappoint, either. Turning a yellow scarf into a cane, the Greatest demonstrated the lightning-quick hands that felled so many opponents.

Muhammad Ali's magic act transcended mere trickery, though. He brought everyone together and showed that — his brutal sport notwithstanding — his greatest gift was delivering a message of peace.

Chip Jones, *Henrico, Va.*

ADHD is no excuse

Rarely is the danger of easy access to firearms portrayed more starkly than in the case of Deja Taylor and her 6-year-old son, who shot his teacher. In an interview with ABC, Ms. Taylor said her son has ADHD and that she thought his teacher was ignoring him in class, as reported in the May 11 Metro article "Boy who shot Va. teacher has ADHD, mother says."

We can only speculate how many thousands of times a day such situations occur in classrooms in this country (and, in fact, throughout the world). Yet what made this a tragic situation was the handgun our laws allowed Ms. Taylor to purchase, not her son's ADHD, his impatience or any action taken by his teacher. If Ms. Taylor thinks she is explaining her son's act of violence by citing his diagnosis and state of mind, she's wrong — and she's doing a disservice to her son and other people with ADHD.

Though Ms. Taylor is correct in taking responsibility for the shooting, those who have made it easy for anyone to buy a firearm share responsibility for this and other senseless acts of gun violence.

Rachel Gorlin, *Washington*

Compassion and spirituality

We all wonder about the nature of wisdom and how it is acquired because it is so essential in producing well-functioning and harmonious individuals and societies. Katherine Kam's May 9 Health & Science essay, "Experts seek insight into how we acquire wisdom," attempted to present an innovative scientific approach by Dilip Jeste to uncovering the biological origins of wisdom, but it ended up as an overly pro-religion treatise masquerading as a scientific investigation.

Dr. Jeste's premise is that understanding wisdom begins with the "ancient spiritual texts — [which] have remained stable over millennia, with some cultural differences," as the essay put it. They reveal that "the wise have tended to be compassionate, calm, open-minded and decisive people who have learned from their experiences." This leads him to conclude, Ms. Kam wrote, that one of the components of wisdom is "spirituality or belief in something larger than oneself." It is true that wise individuals can be characterized as "compassionate and open-minded," but this is not necessarily a by-product of spirituality or a belief in a higher being. It can be a product of secularism, a belief that human beings are at the center of the universe and that the wise are the ones who engage in introspection and ethical inquiry and who desire to do good deeds to benefit humanity, as opposed to engaging in destructive activities, which extremist versions of religions have practiced over the centuries, including to this very day.

Joshua Sinai, *Potomac*

CPAP machines are essential

Like Kyle H. Kallman wrote in his May 2 Health & Science article, "How I learned to love my CPAP," I also love my machine! But I do not love the cost. This year, a manufacturer charged my insurance company more than $2,000 for a replacement machine. I am responsible for nearly 50 percent of the bill. That unexpected cost, along with quarterly $200 invoices for the required supplies — masks, hoses, humidifiers and filters — is shocking because I have used CPAP machines for more than 20 years and never paid a dime.

Like Mr. Kallman, I tried over-the-counter products, as well as an oral mandibular device and surgery to remove my uvula, soft palate and tonsils. Still, nothing worked for my severe sleep apnea except the CPAP. I've had four machines in two decades that insurance has always covered, and the prices have increased.

According to the American Medical Association, 30 million people in the United States have sleep apnea. Sleep apnea can lead to heart disease, diabetes, cancer and cognitive disorders. It is a risk factor for cardiac mortality. If you have the condition, your airways are blocked, and you stop breathing, sometimes more than 100 times each night.

CPAPs are lifesaving medical equipment. The rising costs are financial barriers to access. The government is moving to limit the costs of lifesaving medicines such as insulin, and it might be time to consider the rising costs of critical medical equipment. I love my CPAP, but I might not be able to afford it.

Imani Countess, *Elkridge*

A larger House is needed

I agree with Danielle Allen's May 4 op-ed, "Can the Capitol hold a much bigger House? Yes, here's how it would look." There are too few members of the House, each now representing an estimated 700,000 people and growing. Smaller districts would mean more time for a closer, more accessible relationship with constituents. All members want to be judged by an informed public, and they would be better able to respond to constituents' needs.

A member of the House was expected to represent 30,000 or so people in 1789. How can a member be expected to somehow legislate effectively for 700,000 residents, more than 20 times what was originally contemplated? Technological advances notwithstanding — email, social media, always the cellphone — people want to better communicate their concerns to their representatives, which can't be done if the district population is so large, with so many constituents wanting someone in Washington to listen to their concerns.

Such a change would benefit everyone: the people, the member and our long-standing representative democracy. Though there will be costs incurred to accommodate more members, and committee structures will change for this equitable and fair system for apportioning new members among the states, it will be a small price for ensuring a lasting, effective, efficiently operating governing body in one of the greatest democracies in the world.

Samuel Isaiah Williams, *Bowie*

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National security adviser Jake Sullivan at an April 24 news briefing at the White House.

DAVID IGNATIUS

In Vienna, the U.S.-China relationship shows signs of hope

As the United States and China veered toward confrontation in recent years, both sides gave lip service to the idea that they seek cooperation on issues of mutual interest. Little came from that rhetoric until last week in Vienna, when top Chinese and U.S. officials actually seemed to be creating a framework for constructive engagement.

After two days of intense meetings Wednesday and Thursday between national security adviser Jake Sullivan and top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi, the two nations used identical language to describe the meetings: candid, substantive, constructive. For diplomats, that amounts to a rave review.

Talking about resets in foreign policy is always risky, and that's especially true with Washington and Beijing. These two superpowers might be "destined for war," as Harvard professor Graham Allison warned in a book with that title. What they've lacked, in their increasingly combative relationship, has been common ground. But some shared space seems to have emerged during the long, detailed discussions between Sullivan and Wang.

The U.S. and Chinese officials are said to have talked for hours about how to resolve the war in Ukraine short of a catastrophe that would be harmful for both countries. They discussed how each side perceives and misunderstands the other's global ambitions. They spoke in detail about the supremely contentious issue of Taiwan.

The frank discussion in Vienna was important because both sides have been running hard in the opposite direction in recent years. The Biden administration has concentrated on rebuilding U.S. military alliances and partnerships but has had little constructive engagement with Beijing. China has proclaimed a "no limits" partnership with Russia and has fostered an alliance of the aggrieved but, in the process, has rebuffed the superpower that matters most to its future.

What was different in Vienna? From accounts that have emerged, it was partly a matter of chemistry. Sullivan and Wang are both confident enough to talk off script. Over nearly a dozen hours of discussion, they threw schedules aside. They have the confidence of their bosses, Presidents Biden and Xi Jinping, to engage in detailed discussion about sensitive issues. They appear to have found a language for superpower discussion, like what once existed between the United States and both Russia and China but has been lost.

Sullivan and Wang are said to have discussed the Ukraine war at length. China insists it won't abandon Russia, its longtime partner. China seems to understand that this conflict won't be resolved on the battlefield but through diplomacy. As Ukraine prepares a counteroffensive that could push back the Russian invasion, China fears a cascading series of Russian losses could destabilize President Vladimir Putin.

China has proposed a peace plan for Ukraine and is sending a special envoy this week to Kyiv, Moscow and other key capitals. U.S. officials expect that China's role won't be as a mediator but a check on Russia's actions. If Xi decides it's time for this war to end, Putin has few alternatives. That's why the Kremlin is said to have viewed last week's Sino-American engagement with dread.

In the background of the Vienna discussions were two ruthlessly pragmatic questions for China. These issues form the context for a new stage in the relationship in which, as China's foreign ministry spokesman put it, "China-U.S. relations should not be a zero-sum game where one side outcompetes or thrives at the expense of the other."

The first baseline issue might be described as the "inevitability" question. Is the United States in inevitable decline while China is moving toward inevitable ascendancy? Xi's policies have been premised on both outcomes, but the past several years have raised questions in Beijing. The U.S. economy and social framework have shown surprising resilience, and its technology remains supreme.

China might have imagined that it was dominant in artificial intelligence, for example, until the explosive impact of GPT-4. China, meanwhile, has faced economic and political head winds. Its global dominance is far from certain.

The Chinese leadership appears to be debating, behind the scenes, this question of America's staying power. U.S. officials noted a blog post this month by Fu Ying, a prominent Chinese former diplomat, questioning in veiled terms whether one country should question another's power. The post was removed from the website of the university where she teaches, and U.S. officials say they believe Fu was reprimanded. What's evident is that the issue is being debated.

A second essential question for China is whether prolongation of the Ukraine war is in Beijing's interest. Some Chinese officials are said to have argued that a long war is good for China, because the United States is bogged down in the conflict and Russia's ties to China are reinforced. But there's apparently a growing counterargument that the war strengthens America's alliances in Europe and Asia and creates long-term trouble for China. U.S. officials say they believe the latter argument is gaining force in Beijing.

For the Biden administration, the fundamental question has been whether it is in America's interest to accept China's growing global role and work with Chinese leaders to accomplish mutual goals. Sino-American engagement had been focused on "soft" issues such as health, food and climate change. But Biden encouraged Sullivan to engage on core security issues such as Ukraine.

The U.S. message in Vienna is said to have been an emphatic "yes" on engagement. Sullivan praised Wang's mediation of the bitter rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, for example, explaining that the United States could not have played a similar role because of its mutual antipathy with Iran but welcoming China's effort to de-escalate conflict in the region.

Biden's opening to China has been motivated by one simple idea: The United States doesn't want to start a new Cold War. Biden took too long to implement this insight, bowing to the new conventional wisdom in Washington that the more strident the confrontation with China, the better. But he seems to have found his voice.

A few green sprouts don't guarantee blossoms in spring, let alone a ripe summer. But based on Chinese and American accounts, what happened last week in Vienna was the beginning of a process of regular, direct engagement that will benefit both sides.

E.J. DIONNE JR.

San Francisco values are American values

Republicans have spent nearly three decades running against San Francisco and its cultural openness. When Ronald Reagan's ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick assailed "San Francisco Democrats" at the 1984 Republican National Convention, she was in principle referring to the city where Democrats had held their own convention. But everybody knew she was also sending a message to traditionalist Americans: Democrats just aren't like you.

Nowadays, Republicans insult the city as the pinnacle of wokeism; in reality, it represents something essential about being American. No one understands this better than its elected member of Congress, House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi.

True, San Francisco is a singular place, as I was reminded on a recent visit. After attending an early-morning Easter Mass, I stopped by that afternoon at Dolores Park, home of the annual "Hunky Jesus" and "Foxy Mary" celebration, a drag show organized by a 44-year-old queer and trans group, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. You could view the gathering as a "Blasphemous San Francisco Easter tradition," as SFGate put it, or as a celebration of freedom and peaceful coexistence — or both.

I mentioned my excursion to Pelosi during an interview in her office in the Capitol last week because in the years since she first arrived in Congress in 1987, she has spoken for the diversity of experience in her city not only from the perspective of a liberal politician but also as someone who takes her Catholic faith very seriously.

Her complexity is useful to ponder at a moment when rote commentary on political polarization suggests that our country is divided into camps that have nothing in common, that people are incapable of changing their minds on anything, that our lines of hatred and mistrust are impermeable, and that politicians are doomed to be cartoonlike representatives of prefabricated ideologies.

Some do behave like cartoons — a certain event on CNN last week comes to mind — but Pelosi isn't one of them. The 83-year-old mother of five who will celebrate her 60th wedding anniversary this year became one of the most consequential political figures in our nation's history in part because she defied the stereotypes imposed on her and her city. She crossed boundaries all the time. A Democrat of the pro-labor, kitchen table ("the power table in our country," she says) variety, she has also championed women's and LGBTQ rights and sees both as reinforced — not contradicted — by her rather old-fashioned Catholicism.

"We're all God's children," she insisted. "People say to me, 'Oh, it's easy for you to be where you are because San Francisco is so tolerant.' And I say to them, tolerant is a condescending word to me in certain respects. It's not about tolerance; it's about respect, and it's about taking pride."

In her first speech in Congress, she spoke of the urgency of the HIV/AIDS crisis that was ravaging the country — and her city especially. "I was going to funerals sometimes more than one a day, certainly more than one a week," she said.

Pelosi's perspective and experience lead her to believe that time is on the side of openness. She noted that during the AIDS crisis, many discovered for the first time that someone in their family was gay. "The more people knew people," the more "attitudes changed." The shift in public opinion around same-sex marriage seemed sudden, she said, but it wasn't. It was the product of a long period of more and more Americans realizing that LGBTQ people were part of their lives. "I think that that same thing will happen on the trans front."

Republicans, she added, have little to contribute on her revered kitchen table issues — she highlights the "unfinished business" of the child tax credit, family and medical leave, and home health care — so they turn to social divisions. As she summarized, "They have nothing, so they had to pick on trans" people.

This is nothing new in politics: "It used to be guns, gays and God," along with abortion. But on guns and abortion, conservatives are rapidly losing ground. On LGBTQ rights, opinion is closer than ever to the views of, well, San Francisco Democrats.

As for God, Pelosi has never given any ground. She noted that her city's name refers to Saint Francis of Assisi, its patron saint famous for his prayer expressing hope that he could sow love where there is hatred. "So when they talk about the San Francisco Democrats," she said, "we're proud of that."

Right before Donald Trump went on CNN for his town hall, Pelosi joined Hillary Clinton on a Zoom call with Democratic women. She told the group that "love" could be seen as an acronym for "Let Other Versions Exist." Pelosi's career has been a wager on the openness of her fellow citizens to many versions of being human and being American. It's been a solid bet.

A four-day workweek really can work

BY MARK MULLEN

Coming out of covid, the digital start-up bank where I'm chief executive needed reenergizing. Lockdowns had been hard for everyone. Strong demand for technology workers as the economy bounced back also threatened to deprive us of some of our best people.

So we switched to a four-day week.

Atom bank is a nine-year-old digital retail bank based in the north of England. We have about 470 employees, and we're proud of our culture. But this move to such a liberal employment regime wasn't a manifestation of "wokeism" gone mad. Far from it. This was a pragmatic response to the employment market and the development of our company. We wanted to increase productivity, not reduce it.

The idea of a four-day week has gathered momentum since the pandemic, in part as a possible way to counter the "Great Resignation." In the United Kingdom last year, a trial of the four-day week involving about 3,000 employees at 61 companies was largely successful. The trial, which was conducted partly by researchers at Boston College, found that employee well-being went up while company revenue was not significantly affected. Other similar pilot programs have found a four-day week can reduce absenteeism and staff turnover.

Before making the decision, we planned it out in great detail to remove the risk of the policy backfiring. We designed new shift patterns and established some core hours that had to be worked. We looked at studies in Nordic countries that showed it could be done and suggested best practices.

And in November 2021, we introduced the four-day workweek to our staff, cutting 3.5 hours off each employee's workweek while leaving their pay unchanged. We figured this investment worked out at about 9 percent of the cost of each staff member.

Perhaps having fewer hours in the workweek encourages everyone to be more efficient.

And guess what happened? Employees were very receptive, of course. And at first, there was no measurable deterioration in productivity, either. So what does that tell us? I believe there's some buffer in just about every company. I don't believe staff members are lazy. But perhaps having fewer hours in the workweek encourages everyone to be more efficient, streamlining cumbersome processes. This is probably even truer in bigger companies than in start-ups such as ours, where keeping an eye on costs is more critical.

As time went by, we continued measuring the effect of this new work policy. Since we made the change, we have seen a reduction in recruitment costs, a fall in unwanted staff attrition, lower absences because of sickness and higher employee engagement with our brand. We've also seen higher employee productivity, higher profitability and higher customer satisfaction. These are not handpicked, rose-tinted performance measures — they are the fundamentals of building and running a business.

And though we can't be sure of cause and effect — some of the positive trends could be because pressures on staffing eased, or because our company is getting older and wiser — it's hard not to believe our approach to the workweek is contributing in some measure.

None of this is easy for executives at older companies to hear, and I have some sympathy with their position. We have also embraced working from home, which suits our digital business. But that is perhaps easier for a company such as ours than it is for legacy businesses. Senior executives who are not accustomed to working alone, or from home, are understandably unnerved by rows of expensive empty desks in even more expensive and cavernous office buildings.

Certainly, I have felt from time to time a feeling of isolation and a sense of unease at working from home. But I'm convinced that it's only because I didn't design Atom bank to be as remote and self-service-style for employees as it has become. The transition to an entirely new way of working is bound to be uncomfortable, but it doesn't make it wrong.

I've spent the greater part of my 33-year career commuting to and from offices and working five days a week, at least. In common with millions of workers around the world, it wasn't until February 2020 and the outbreak of the global pandemic that — of necessity — my behavior changed.

In the years since, though, I haven't just changed my behavior. I've changed my attitudes and beliefs. It's as though the pandemic broke a spell that had kept us all enthralled to a working paradigm that turned out to be well past its sell-by date.

With the acceleration of artificial intelligence and other technologies, I believe we should all start to prepare for a radically new world of work. In this context, even a four-day week working from home might seem positively outdated.

The writer is the chief executive of Atom, a U.K.-based bank.

For $1 a minute, this AI clone will be your girlfriend

BY TAYLOR LORENZ

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Caryn Marjorie, a social media influencer, says she is on track to make around $5 million a month from CarynAI, an AI chatbot launched with the help of Forever Voices. The product made over $100,000 in its first week, and there is a waiting list of thousands of people.

LOS ANGELES — Caryn Marjorie, 23, a social media influencer with nearly 2 million followers on Snapchat, never has time to talk to all her fans. She posts photos and videos of herself throughout the day, and her 98 percent male fan base responds with an endless stream of messages and requests.

She spends about five hours a day in a Telegram group she created that super fans pay to join, but she can only respond to so many comments at a time.

So, last week she launched CarynAI, an AI chatbot leveraging GPT-4 API technology developed by OpenAI that replicates her voice, mannerisms and personality. For $1 a minute, fans can chat with CarynAI in an "immersive AI experience" that feels almost like speaking to Marjorie herself. The launch of CarynAI was first reported by Fortune.

Given the product's growth rate, once she's able to onboard all the fans who've expressed interest, she estimates she's on track to earn about $5 million a month. The product made more than $100,000 the first week, she said. and there's a waiting list of thousands to gain access.

"These fans of mine, they have a really, really strong connection with me," she told The Washington Post. "Because of that they actually end up messaging me every single day. I started to realize about a year ago it's just not humanly possible for me to reach out to all of these messages, there's just too many and I actually feel kind of bad that I can't give that individual, one-on-one sort of relationship to every single person. I wish I could but I just simply can't."

The launch of CarynAI comes when public attention to artificial intelligence has been focused primarily on how it might be used to change the way major search engines respond to users — and how the limitations of what's known as large language models can result in inaccurate responses, disinformation and other major issues.

But CarynAI also shows how AI applications can increase the ability of a single person to reach an audience of thousands in a way that, for users, may feel distinctly personal. The impact could be enormous for someone forming something resembling a personal relationship with thousands or millions of online followers. It could also show how thin and tenuous these simulations of human connection could become.

CarynAI also is a reminder that sex and romance are often the first realm in which technological progress becomes profitable. Marjorie acknowledges that some of the exchanges with CarynAI become sexually explicit, though she says she doesn't want that to become the service's dominant feature and she can't say how many have — the service is end-to-end encrypted, meaning she has no access to the conversations unless a user chooses to share.

"The reason why I created CarynAI was because I wanted to cure loneliness from my fan base," she said.

CarynAI is the first major release from a company called Forever Voices. The company previously has created realistic AI chatbots that allow users to talk with replicated versions of Steve Jobs, Kanye West, Donald Trump and Taylor Swift. Forever Voices said those chatbots are primarily for promotion of its services and it does not have formal partnerships with those celebrities yet. CarynAI is a far more sophisticated product, the company says, and part of Forever Voices' new AI companion initiative, meant to provide users with a girlfriend-like experience that fans can emotionally bond with.

John Meyer, CEO and founder of Forever Voices, said that he created the company last year, after trying to use AI to develop ways to reconnect with his late father, who passed away in 2017. He built an AI voice chatbot that replicated his late father's voice and personality to talk to and found the experience incredibly healing. "It was a remarkable experience to talk to him again in a super realistic way," Meyer said. "I've been in tech my whole life, I'm a programmer, so it was easy for me to start building something like that especially as things got more advanced with the AI space."

Meyer's company has about 10 employees. One job Meyer is hoping to fill soon is chief ethics officer. "There are a lot of ways to do this wrong," he said. "We have so many safeguards in place to protect against harmful use cases."

"I consider myself a futurist at heart and when I look into the future I believe this is the beginning of a very diverse future consisting of AI to human companionship," he said.

One safeguard is trying to limit the amount of time a user is allowed to chat with CarynAI. To keep users from becoming addicted, CarynAI is programmed to wind down conversations after about an hour, encouraging users to pick back up later. But there is no hard time limit on use, and some users are spending hours speaking to CarynAI per day, according to Marjorie's manager, Ishan Goel.

Forever Voices is self funded by Meyer. However, since CarynAI went viral he's begun taking meetings with investors.

Meyer said services such as CarynAI also will deepen ties between influencers and their followers. Unlike traditional celebrities, online fans often develop deep bonds with the influencers they follow and expect a level of responsiveness that becomes difficult to maintain as an influencer's audience grows.

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Caryn Marjorie, about CarynAI

"I see this as a way for someone with a following like Caryn to engage with millions of her fans simultaneously without having to become this person that's glued to a phone creating content all the time," he said.

While Forever Voices is focused on creating AI companions based on real people, other experts believe that there will come a time when you don't need real people at all. Already, there are fully virtual influencer characters. For instance, Lil Miquela amassed hundreds of thousands of followers after launching in 2016, despite the fact that she was only a computer-generated model made to mimic the personality of an Instagram lifestyle influencer. But Lil Miquela's posts and personality were manually created by Trevor McFedries and Sara Decou, co-founders of Brud, the company that created her.

Elizabeth Snower, founder of ICONIQ, which creates conversational 3D avatars, predicts that soon there will be "AI influencers on every social platform that are influencing consumer decisions."

Marjorie said that since CarynAI has rolled out, she's been subject to significant backlash along with the attention that comes with going viral. She fled her home and hired a security team that is working closely with law enforcement after people, outraged at the concept of an AI girlfriend, made terrifying threats against her.

"A lot of people have just been kind of really mad at the existence of this. They think that it's the end of humanity," she said.

Marjorie hopes the backlash will fade when other online personalities begin rolling out their own AI companions. Meyer said several have contacted him since CarynAI's launch.

"I think in the next five years, most Americans will have an AI companion in their pocket in some way, shape or form, whether it's an ultra flirty AI that you're dating, an AI that's your personal trainer, or simply a tutor companion. Those are all things that we are building internally," he said.

That strikes AI adviser and investor Allie K. Miller as a likely outcome. "I can imagine a future in which everyone — celebrities, TV characters, influencers, your brother — has an online avatar that they invite their audience or friends to engage with. ... With the accessibility of these models, I'm not surprised it's expanding to scaled interpersonal relationships."

One company has two months of payroll saved up if U.S. defaults on debts

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), center, at the Capitol after debt ceiling-related bill passed the House on April 26.

Like most business people, Sarah Spoja expects the nation's political leaders to work out a deal to prevent the government from defaulting on its debt. But that doesn't mean she is willing to bet a couple hundred million dollars on it.

Spoja, 40, is the chief financial officer of Tipalti, a maker of finance software used by companies such as Twitter, Noom and Twitch. She's responsible for managing her company's cash, making sure there is enough on hand to pay the bills while earning a return on any surplus funds.

As Washington draws closer to hitting the federal debt ceiling, the risks of a business-as-usual approach for companies like Tipalti are growing. If Congress does not raise the government's borrowing limit soon, markets for stocks, bonds and currencies could go haywire, making the government's financial issues a problem for business, too.

To avoid unknown dangers, Spoja recently moved Tipalti's funds out of short-term Treasury bills that will mature around the June 1 date when the government may run out of cash. She has switched from corporate bonds to safer money market funds, even though they pay a lower return. And she's stockpiled enough cash — in five currencies — to cover two months of payroll.

"For the folks that are responsible for managing a company's cash and making sure they have the right investment policies, the last six months have been really challenging," she said. "The debt ceiling crisis and the uncertainty right now — it's just one more thing that CFOs are dealing with."

Spoja's strategy illustrates how even the prospect of a government default is already shaping business and financial market decisions. As time runs short for President Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) to reach a deal, some investors are trying to protect themselves against a potential cataclysm and others see an opportunity to profit — whether a default happens or is avoided at the last minute.

Since the United States has never defaulted on its debt, no one knows exactly how bad the financial carnage would be if it did. But many executives — with millions or billions of dollars at stake — are not waiting to find out.

Managers of money market mutual funds are shunning short-term Treasury bills, normally one of their standard investments. The funds' absence is especially notable since they have recently experienced strong inflows from depositors fleeing low interest rates at banks.

Hedge funds are buying insurance on government debt, which would provide a big payday if the government misses a scheduled payment. And prominent corporations such as Apple, Merck and ConocoPhillips are rushing to raise money before the debt ceiling standoff upends routine bond market operations.

Executives at JPMorgan Chase, the nation's largest bank, meet every day in a dedicated "war room," CEO Jamie Dimon told Bloomberg News last week. If no agreement is struck as the deadline approaches, they could meet up to three times per day.

"There's actual investor nervousness about the risk of default," said Priya Misra, head of global rates strategy for TD Securities. "The private sector is doing a lot of hoping and praying that somebody blinks."

If Congress does not raise the $31.4 trillion debt ceiling, the Treasury Department soon will be unable to pay the nation's bills. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said earlier this month that could happen "potentially as early as June 1."

On Friday, the Congressional Budget Office said there is a "significant risk" the government will exhaust its spending ability in the first half of June.

Fearing unpredictable trading next month, corporations are accelerating their efforts to raise cash from investors. Through Thursday, investment-grade corporate bond issuance in May totaled nearly $64 billion.

In just nine trading sessions, companies raised almost as much as in the entire month of April. Junk bond sales also are running above last month's pace.

Merck, which declined to comment, raised $6 billion, Apple brought in $5.25 billion and Estée Lauder netted $2 billion. Apple and Estee Lauder did not respond to a request for comment.

The stakes of the debt ceiling fight are so monumental because of the role that Treasury securities play in global finance. Investors regard U.S. government bonds, bills and notes as "risk-free" assets. The price of everything else, such as stocks, corporate bonds and debt issued by other governments, is set in relation to that of Treasurys.

A default would expose Treasurys as riskier than investors have assumed. But how much riskier would not be clear for some time, leaving investors uncertain about the price of everything they own.

That scenario is so dangerous that most financial market participants and business executives expect politicians to compromise, as they have in previous showdowns. The stock market so far has shown little sign of concern.

"We know how this is going to end. There'll be a resolution just before midnight; that's the general view," said Jack McCullough, president of the CFO Leadership Council, a professional association.

For corporate finance executives like Spoja, the standoff over the debt ceiling is just the latest headache. The Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates at their fastest pace in four decades, which both slowed the economy and contributed to the failure of several regional banks.

At Tipalti, in Foster City, Calif., debt ceiling concerns have underscored the need to reduce risk and build liquidity. The company derives its name from a Hebrew expression meaning "I handled it," which is precisely what Spoja, as CFO, is trying to do.

About 60 percent of the company's 1,000-plus employees work outside the United States. Payroll is distributed in U.S. and Canadian dollars, euros, British pounds and Israeli shekels.

The company's short-term accounts can reach "hundreds of millions" of dollars, she said.

Spoja usually converts dollars into other currencies on the spot market when it is time to issue paychecks. But now she's accumulated a two-month currency cushion that will allow her to avoid the foreign-exchange market while the politicians bluster and bargain.

"I just don't want to be doing payroll runs around June first," she said.

Normally, Spoja would invest some of the company's available cash in top-quality, short-term corporate bonds, including those issued by several banks.

But with so much uncertainty about how markets will look over the next 30 days, and the banks looking so unsettled, she has moved into money market funds instead. Though those pay a slightly smaller return, it is easier to move in and out of money funds, making it less likely that Tipalti could be trapped if markets freeze.

Jerry Klein has the other side of that trade.

As head of the corporate cash management group for Treasury Partners in New York, Klein manages the short-term cash needs of customers that include venture capital-backed start-ups and Fortune 500 giants.

Their accounts range in size from about $50 million up to $1 billion each and are invested in institutional money market funds, insured bank deposits and bond portfolios. Many clients have contacted Klein to ask if they should run for cover.

Some investors already have. As they dumped one-month Treasury bills that will mature in early June, prices on those securities sank while their yields rose (bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.)

One-month T-bills maturing around the date when the government could run out of cash offer yields around 5.5 percent — roughly 0.3 percentage points higher than three-month bills. That may not sound like much. But it's an unusually wide positive gap for these type of instruments. On every $1 million, the higher yield would translate into an extra $3,000 in yearly interest.

"We actually think these bills are good value right now," Klein said. "U.S. Treasurys are still the safest investment in the world."

Treasury Partners assumes the debt ceiling struggle will be resolved before the United States fails to make a debt payment. In the worst case, the government might stumble into a "technical default" by paying one or two days late, while politicians scramble to reach a deal, he said. In that case, investors would eventually receive what they are owed, Klein said.

He is not alone in spying opportunity amid the political squabbling. Investors are buying insurance against a U.S. default, known as a credit default swap, pushing the price of such protection to its highest level since the 2011 crisis.

Insuring $10,000 of Treasurys against default for one year costs about $174, more than 10 times what it cost in January, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"Hedge funds are buying a lottery ticket," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Analytics. "It doesn't cost much to buy it and you get a big payment if you win."

Others caution against getting too clever. Tony Roth, chief investment officer for Wilmington Trust, which manages $100 billion in assets, sees little chance for investors to trade profitably around the debt ceiling.

During an earlier debt showdown in 2011, the stock market fell about 15 percent before rallying. But picking the right moment to reinvest is not easy, meaning that investors who try to avoid a downdraft risk missing out on an eventual rebound.

"We have a small probability of a bad outcome," Roth said. "But we have a large probability of a relief rally if nothing happens."

On Wednesday evening, Tipalti's Spoja attended a dinner with several other CFOs. All were mulling the same dilemma: It's almost impossible to imagine the United States actually defaulting on a debt payment. But if it happens, the consequences will be calamitous.

Managing the finances of a growing company is tough enough. Charting a course through the current morass is testing the ability of corporate finance pros to assess political risk, market probabilities and the opportunity costs involved in choosing one approach rather than another.

"I grew up in Washington, so I feel like I've seen this before. I always look back at D.C. to make sure they're not doing the wrong thing," Spoja said. "A true default would hurt everyone."

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JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON

A "smart" bird feeder with a motion-sensitive camera will beam feathered selfies to your phone. **B3**

THE DISTRICT

An anti-immigration group is trying to stop D.C. from permitting noncitizens to vote in local elections. **B4**

OBITUARIES

Bill McAllister, 81, a Post national reporter, wrote a long-running column on coins and stamps. **B5**

Youngkin to address VMI amid crises in enrollment, finances and diversity

BY IAN SHAPIRA

When Virginia Military Institute announced last month that its commencement speaker Tuesday would be Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, the college's superintendent released a statement praising the state's top executive — and the school itself.

"It is only fitting that the current leader of the commonwealth share his wisdom and guidance with the future leaders of Virginia and the nation," said Cedric T. Wins, a retired two-star Army general and a member of the college's Class of 1985. "We look forward to hosting him on post and showing him the treasure that is VMI."

But the visit by Youngkin (R) — who, as governor, is technically VMI's commander in chief and has been an outspoken foe of equity initiatives at Virginia's public schools — comes at an especially stressful moment for the nation's oldest state-supported military college.

VMI faces a plunge in applications that has forced the school to accept virtually anyone who applies; projected budget shortfalls for the next three years that exceed $14 million; the possible cutting of some of its Division I sports teams; growing apprehension that the college's Board of Visitors will remove Wins, VMI's first Black superintendent, once Youngkin appoints as many as four new members this summer; and a mostly White conservative group of alumni who continue to attack VMI's efforts to make the school more attractive to minorities and women.

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Virginia Military Institute cadets march in the inaugural parade for Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin in Richmond in January 2022.

Black students interviewed by The Washington Post said that some progress has been made but that racism remains a problem at VMI. Just weeks ago, one Black football player said, a high-ranking VMI official used the phrase "street thugs" to describe Black freshmen on the team — an incident now being investigated by the school.

The Lexington college, which didn't admit Black students until 1968 or women until 1997 and whose 1,500 cadets remain mostly White and male, began initiating diversity, equity and inclusion

SEE **VMI** ON **B3**

Divisive Discourse 101

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Student Taha Vahanvaty and faculty member Sasha O'Connell continue their debate after the "Disagree With a Professor" event at American University on Feb. 22.

American University is among the colleges starting to encourage civil debates on controversial ideas

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA

Lara Schwartz faced a room full of American University students, making a case she was sure many would with: The university, she said, shouldn't ban controversial speakers.

By turns eloquent, blunt and funny, she said access to a broad exchange of ideas is important — and is the best thing about college. Then she urged the students to make their strongest counterarguments.

"Come at me," she said.

Hands shot up. Someone said vulnerable students shouldn't have to bear the burden of debating a white supremacist or a homophobe, or be fearful because people with those views are on campus. Another said the intent of the invitation matters: "If you just want to invite Ben Shapiro to piss off a lot of people, that's wrong."

"I'm a freshman," the student added, "so I could be wrong."

Schwartz, the founding director of the Project on Civil Discourse at AU, shot back a reassuring response: "You could be wrong if you're a 51-year-old lawyer!"

The discussion was part of "Disagree With a Professor," a regular, voluntary series at AU that aims to help students practice speaking up, feel comfortable figuring out their own ideas and countering those they with. It is part of a broader effort across higher education to teach civil discourse, a skill that proponents say is essential to democracy — and all too rare.

The efforts are intended as a counterweight to the divisiveness and hostility common on social media, in politics, and, at times, at colleges where students have shouted down speakers or tried to keep them off campus entirely. In some circles, college students are seen as too thin-skinned to listen to a wide range of views.

Schwartz worries that undermines public trust in academia — and can make some students skeptical of

SEE **DISCOURSE** ON **B2**

Transit project's fate up in the air

D.C. WEIGHS SHIFT TO OTHER PRIORITIES

K Street plan was widely supported pre-pandemic

BY LUZ LAZO

The D.C. Council is expected to decide the fate Tuesday of a long-planned makeover of K Street NW, weighing whether to defund the project in defiance of Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D).

The council will take an initial vote on changes to Bowser's proposed $19.7 billion fiscal 2024 budget while considering slashing the K Street Transitway — one of her most prized transportation projects. Bowser and some business leaders have urged the council to fund the project, saying it is central to revitalizing the city's struggling downtown more than three years into a pandemic that boosted telework. Critics say the project is no longer needed and money is better spent elsewhere.

The vote will come as the nation's capital and cities across the country are wrestling with the best path forward after the pandemic reshaped transportation networks and central business districts. The D.C. project enjoyed widespread support before the pandemic, but decreased transit usage and reduced office occupancy have ushered in a fresh round of scrutiny.

The council's Transportation Committee in late April recommended shifting $115 million earmarked for the project to a council-backed program that would make Metrobus free, a proposal that Bowser opposes. The fare-free program is being delayed at Metro's request, but some council leaders say they favor using the K Street project's funding for other city priorities.

"That project is still not ready to move forward, and it should not," said Transportation Committee Chairman Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), who spearheaded shifting the K Street money to the fare-free bus program.

The office of Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) declined to comment on whether he will opt to fund the transit way ahead of unveiling his budget Monday. He acknowledged in recent days that the free-bus program will need to wait at least a year, but he said he had not determined whether to restore money to K Street or allocate it elsewhere. He said the transit way should be delayed until officials come up with a new design.

The council is scheduled to take its first budget vote Tuesday, but changes can be made to the spending plan ahead of a second vote at the end of the month.

The K Street Transitway, which would remake downtown's busiest corridor between 12th and 21st streets NW, is in its final design phase and was touted as a

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King family plans 60th anniversary D.C. march

BY ELLIE SILVERMAN

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s son said he plans to return to D.C. this summer to mark the 60th anniversary of the historic March on Washington, stand on the Lincoln Memorial's marble steps, and tell fellow demonstrators his father's vision for a more just and equitable America is far from realized, but remains within reach.

"The vision that Dad had is not one that cannot be achieved," Martin Luther King III said in an interview with The Washington Post, outlining his plans for a rally on Aug. 26, a Saturday. "We have made great strides and then there seems to be always an inevitable setback."

The rally, tentatively planned to begin at 11 a.m., has parallels to the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. More than 200,000 people from across the country came to that history-making gathering, which helped spur the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On a permit application submitted to the National Park Service, organizers estimated there will be 50,000 participants at the August rally — though expectations of turnout are not always borne out. Martin Luther King III said he plans to attend with his wife, Arndrea Waters King, and the Rev. Al Sharpton, the civil rights leader, founder and president of the National Action Net-

SEE **MARCH** ON **B4**

Medicaid unwinding gets underway

What to know as the annual enrollment process starts up again

BY JENNA PORTNOY

During the height of the pandemic, states and D.C. stopped checking to see if people were still eligible for comprehensive health benefits through Medicaid. Three years later, with the coronavirus public health declaration coming to an end, annual enrollment is starting up again, requiring governments to redetermine if every person enrolled in Medicaid meets the criteria.

The massive undertaking, known as unwinding, started in Virginia this month and begins in earnest in Maryland and the District in June. Residents will fall off the rolls if they have aged out of the system or earn too much to continue receiving public insurance. However, millions will remain eligible but lose coverage for administrative reasons. They may not receive renewal packets in the mail, may face a language barrier or other challenge in completing the documents or another clerical hurdle.

Overall, an estimated 17 million people nationwide could lose Medicaid benefits due to unwinding, according to KFF, including 5 million children and 12 million adults.

What is Medicaid?

The program is jointly funded by state and federal governments. It is for low-income adults, children, pregnant people, elderly adults and people with disabilities.

Who is eligible for Medicaid?

Eligibility varies by state and a person's situation, but generally in Virginia and Maryland a family of three making 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or $34,306, would qualify.

D.C. has some of the most expansive and generous eligibility levels in the nation.

A family of three earning 221 percent of the federal poverty level, or $54,940, would qualify, a higher threshold than adjacent states.

What if I'm no longer eligible?

Officials hope many who are disenrolled will be eligible for private insurance through their employer, other public coverage such as Medicare or subsided coverage through the health insurance marketplace.

SEE **MEDICAID** ON **B4**

EDUCATION

Colleges promote civil discourse in hot-topic debates

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the importance of free speech.

"It just feels to me like an important issue of our time," Schwartz said. "How can we listen to one another, speak to one another and solve our significant problems together as a society?

"Universities are actually a wonderful, wonderful place to learn that and practice that."

Now schools, nonprofits and faculty members across the country are looking for solutions, with many creating programs to foster civil discourse. The efforts are varied and evolving, with institutional commitment to the principles on some campuses and faculty-led initiatives bubbling up on others. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology began a "Dialogues Across Difference" program in March. Princeton University added training on free speech to its orientation for students arriving on campus this year. The university's president, Christopher L. Eisgruber, spoke about the importance of empathy, mutual respect and careful listening, and said he was dismayed when he heard people "treat free speech and inclusivity as contending values, as though we had to choose one or the other. Democracy requires both. So too does education."

Heterodox Academy, a nonpartisan nonprofit alliance of faculty, staff and students, launched communities on 23 campuses this year — including Johns Hopkins University and the Universities of Virginia, Kentucky, Toronto and California at Berkeley — with more expected soon, promoting their ideals of open inquiry, viewpoint diversity and constructive disagreement.

In Virginia, a dozen schools — including Virginia Tech, Danville Community College and Norfolk State and George Mason universities — have partnered with the nonprofit Constructive Dialogue Institute for campuswide initiatives. The efforts are sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The program was first adopted campuswide at William & Mary.

Drew Stelljes, associate vice president for student engagement and leadership at William & Mary, said the platform first presents behavioral science data that helps staff, faculty or students understand why people tend to respond to ideas in certain ways, then helps them build skills in listening to opposing viewpoints.

"Part of this is that we have college students who have grown up in an era of deeply eroded trust," Stelljes said. Instead of curiosity and a desire to learn more, he said, they are apt to respond with criticism and judgment. The platform helped them recognize their initial reactions and gave them tools to listen with more open-mindedness.

In one class, he played a clip of someone interviewing people in a rural area about guns. Many of the students were in favor of gun control, he said, and were emotional and judgmental after seeing the people talking about 2nd Amendment rights. He asked them to watch the clip again but with curiosity about learning a different perspective on the issue.

This time, he said, the way the students saw the issue had changed. Some were pointing out that the interviewer had been asking some leading questions that pitted people against one another.

Daniel Diermeier, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, described what he sees on campuses now as a sort of rush to righteousness — people immediately taking a position of good vs. evil and no longer listening to the other side. It's essential, he said, to create a culture of free expression in which faculty and students can engage with complex topics and take their ideas as far as possible.

Vanderbilt has taken a number of approaches to what Diermeier said is a complex problem without easy solutions. One instance that worked: After the women's basketball team stayed in the locker room during the national anthem to protest racial injustice, they were asked to meet with students who are veterans to talk about what it means to be a patriot. The students talked about what it feels like to experience racial discrimination, and what it feels like to experience a battlefield. After the conversation in fall 2021, the team decided to stand for the national anthem, and also to play "Lift Every Voice and Sing," known as the Black national anthem, before games.

People are too apt to talk only with people they agree with, Diermeier said; universities can help broker conversations between groups that don't easily mix.

But with the country so polarized, even initiatives to counter divisions are, in some places, divisive.

When board members at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this year passed a resolution to accelerate creation of the School of Civic Life and Leadership, the trustees' chairman said it would build on the work begun on campus to counter political polarization, and give students access to diverse viewpoints. But some faculty were skeptical, and alarmed — especially since some conservative media outlets welcomed the idea as a means to push back against leftist dominance on campus.

That has been an issue at AU as well, said Keisuke Fujio, a senior who is program coordinator for the school's Project on Civil Discourse. Some students on the left-leaning campus assume defense of free speech is a pro-conservative tenet, he said, and avoid their gatherings "because they think we're all about defending the trollers like Milo Yiannopoulos," and people who use free speech as a cover for their own bigotry.

"We're the opposite," Fujio said. "We want as many conversations to be included as possible."

Schwartz, a senior professorial lecturer at AU, came to this work from the political left.

As a legislative lawyer and an advocate for civil rights, she saw the necessity of learning from divergent viewpoints. Working for LGBTQ rights required listening to people's religious and other concerns, she said; she needed to understand their thinking to try to persuade them.

The idea behind the project is that dialogue across difference, and using one's voice in an atmosphere of free expression and academic freedom, respect and inclusion, is a college-level skill to be worked on and perfected and tried, she said. In addition to the Disagree series, created with AU's School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Council, Schwartz and experienced students train other students to become dialogue facilitators who sometimes join classrooms. They also host drop-in sessions during the year on topics such as taboo words and whether their professors' politics matter.

Anna Given, a junior from Pennsylvania who is part of a conservative group of women on campus and became a peer facilitator, said in an interview that she was drawn to the Disagree sessions for the chance to exchange ideas without judgment.

Khushi Ramnani, a junior from Dubai, said in classes, "You kind of read the room and see what most people are thinking. If your opinion is too provocative you keep it to yourself." It's rare to hear an unpopular opinion in that setting, she said — but when it does happen, it's usually followed by a shocked text to a group chat.

"Everyone's complaining about colleges being these bulwarks against free speech, and college kids as woke, sensitive snowflakes," said Taha Vahanvaty, a first-year student at AU. "How do we challenge that narrative?"

Vahanvaty said the discourse project was something that drew him to AU. "In public education there's a big fear of saying the wrong thing and getting canceled by students or parents," he said. "It's a very refreshing thing to have it be very upfront, to say, 'Hey, I have an opinion that you might disagree with.'"

Fujio said that within the project he found other students who were as curious as him — and as undecided.

Schwartz hands out buttons with "IDK" — "I Don't Know" — on them to encourage students to lean into uncertainty.

At the Disagree event this semester, Given pointed out that every time someone mentioned a "controversial" speaker, it was someone on the political right.

Another student said it was wrong to compare limiting speech on the left and the right because those on the left aren't limiting people's civil liberties.

Schwartz pushed back, saying people in big parts of the country are worried about losing civil liberties such as the right to own guns or decline vaccines. The student was skeptical, saying conservatives have always infringed on people's civil liberties and now are playing the victim to win. After some back-and-forth, Schwartz advised students that it's helpful to define terms such as "liberal" and "conservative," and encouraged them to think about the idea of dialogue rather than defeating ideas.

As the hour wound down, she noted some common threads she had heard: a desire for real conversation that allows people to figure out what works; not having an orthodoxy that becomes meaningless; distrust of top-down, punitive efforts to restrict speech. She closed with a final take, saying she didn't think they should have regulations on speakers "because college is better than that, and there is harder work to do."

"So I amend my argument based on your better arguments," she said, " … and we can all keep talking."

A few students grabbed backpacks and walked out into the night, but most stayed in the room to do just that.

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Junior Lindsey Ricci, right, and senior Lily Larsen wait to be called on during a discussion at the "Disagree With a Professor" event at American University on Feb. 22.

Trading thoughts on the value of AP classes

Jay Mathews

Annie Abrams is a high school English teacher with a doctorate in American literary history from New York University. She has received well-deserved praise for her new book, "Shortchanged: How Advanced Placement Cheats Students."

I have been writing about Advanced Placement since 1982. Wise classroom teachers have convinced me it is one of the best things ever to happen to high schools. But Abrams, who taught AP classes for several years, is a smart and industrious educator with important things to say. I have been trading thoughts with her in hopes of finding some agreement on what we need to do for the AP classes that enrolled more than 3 million American teenagers this year.

I have learned about AP, which offers 37 subjects, from observing and talking to teachers and students around the country. The classes are, in effect, introductory college courses taught in high school. AP students can earn college credit if they do well on three-hour-plus final exams, longer and deeper than high school tests and even most university finals.

In her book, Abrams focuses on the history of AP, particularly how scholars and teachers developed the college-level English classes she has been teaching at the Bronx High School of Science, a famous public magnet school in New York City.

The education leaders who developed the original AP program had their faults. "I sighed at the original committee's demographic makeup — privileged, white, Protestant men so self-assured about their rarefied understanding of the nation," Abrams says in the book. "But surprisingly — not least of all, to me — there are intellectual orientations in the original vision that are worth perpetuating."

"Some of them are straightforward and concrete, if expensive," she says in the book. "Limiting class size and facilitating exchange among teachers and professors about materials, mission, and pedagogy could help promote the kind of

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No joke: Free tickets to comedian Brandon Wardell on June 2 at 9:30 Club

Born in Seattle and raised in Fairfax, Va., the now 30-year-old humorist, writer, and podcast host has been profiled in Vice and Rolling Stone. "A potent cocktail of youthful energy and world-weary ironic distance, Brandon Wardell is the face of the next generation of comedy" (imposemagazine.com). His act "riffs on everything from streetwear to feet pics, and often involves delayed punchlines and disarming non-sequiturs. Both onstage and online, Wardell parodies a certain kind of man, an archetype that is hard to pin down, but that nevertheless feels deeply familiar" (basementapproved.com).

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.

This 'smart' feeder will beam bird portraits to your phone

John Kelly's Washington

I'm sure the finches, jays, wrens and cardinals in my backyard don't care that my new bird feeder is as cute as Hello Kitty or that it allows me to flood my Instagram feed with cheeky little bird portraits. They just want tasty sunflower seeds.

But I've become fascinated by Bird Buddy, a $200 feeder that has a motion-sensitive camera and uses artificial intelligence to identify a species, then fires up an app to wirelessly beam photos straight to my phone.

Finally, I can enjoy birdwatching while TV watching.

That wasn't the aim of this new "smart" bird feeder, whose creators raised $4 million on Kickstarter and began shipping the product in October. Rather, they were interested in "gamifying" the outdoors. They figured that clever digital bells and whistles could lure new participants to the hobby of birdwatching.

"When thinking from a design and brand perspective, we tried to strike a balance between fun and serious," said co-founder **Kyle Buzzard**.

The colorful plastic bird feeder looks like something from a cartoon. The app has lots of cartoons, too. The birds themselves become stars of their own nature documentaries. Bird Buddy shoots video, but it's the still photos — birds tilting their heads quizzically — that are most captivating.

Co-founders **Franci Zidar** and **Ziga Vrtacic** are programmers from Slovenia. Buzzard (his real name) is an industrial designer in Michigan. The trio oversaw the development of a proprietary rechargeable camera that captures the perfect bird-selfie view and an AI program that identifies the birds.

The AI was trained with the help of hundreds of Kickstarter backers who were sent preproduction units.

"We asked them to send us photos of birds," Zidar said.

Millions of images came in. The photos were sorted and labeled by a team of interns led by the company's in-house ornithologist, a process that took six months. With each identification, the AI grew smarter.

Bird Buddy is sort of like a trail camera, those things that biologists and hunters mount on trees and check periodically. But there's a difference.

"When you don't have AI capability, you're asking the user to sift through hundreds of photos that are really bad or not interesting," Buzzard said. "One of the benefits of us having the feature of AI is we're actually filtering all that stuff in the cloud before those photos are even presented to you. We've deleted hundreds or thousands of photos before we deliver what our AI deems interesting or good."

The program knows to save only the photos that show an eyeball, a beak and aren't blurry. (It will capture the occasional squirrel.)

The product has not been flawless. I bought two — one for me and one as a gift for my brother. His worked fine out of the box. The camera on mine wouldn't hold a charge, and I had to send it back for replacement. Customer service was cheerful, though sluggish.

And while the app does a pretty good job correctly identifying species, I find the cutesy interface maddening. Rather than let you simply thumb through the photos it's taken — "postcards" in Bird Buddy's parlance — the app first asks if you want to "Collect" them. Only *after* collecting them can you look at them. But I'd rather see them before collecting them. (The co-founders told me they're aware of this criticism.)

Each species gallery includes information: the bird's range, its songs and calls, the food it eats, and more. You can include three other people in the alerts that Bird Buddy sends out. And you can look at photos that other users have taken and post your own to social media.

I asked Zidar and Buzzard what their favorite birds are. Zidar's is the Eurasian magpie. "It has a beautiful white belly," he said. "I'm baffled by how it can keep it so clean."

"Mine's the northern flicker," Buzzard said. "I've seen it in my yard before, but I haven't been able to capture it with Bird Buddy yet."

There's a suet attachment available for Bird Buddy, but because it doesn't have a tail prop, some woodpeckers don't visit. On Tuesday, the company is set to launch its latest Kickstarter campaigns: for a hummingbird feeder and a bird bath.

Zidar grew up in a small Slovenian village where his father founded a national park.

"He was very much into conservation and nature, talking about leaving the grass uncut to create shelter for birds," he said. "I really grew up with that being nailed into my head."

That brings up a point: Birds need habitat. No one *needs* a $200 bird feeder. But birds need humans in their corner. Maybe looking at pretty bird photos will help with that.

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The Bird Buddy feeder's camera captures a robin in columnist John Kelly's backyard.

Youngkin, a foe of equity initiatives, to address VMI class

VMI FROM **B1**

(DEI) reforms after then-Gov. Ralph Northam (D) ordered an independent investigation into the college's racial climate. The probe, conducted by the law firm Barnes & Thornburg and released two years ago, found that the school suffered from "institutional racism and sexism."

During his gubernatorial campaign, Youngkin questioned the investigation and won support from the alumni leading the backlash against it.

At Board of Visitors meetings last month, the 183-year-old school's enrollment drop, sky-high acceptance rate and financial forecast stoked existential fears about its future.

"I think we have to demonstrate more of a sense of urgency," David Miller, one of the board's three vice presidents, told colleagues at one session. "The big problem with the budget shortfall related to enrollment, and now we're seeing what's going on in athletics — we need to move ahead or this thing is going to get out of hand. … If you push those numbers out two or three years without any changes, we're going to be in a world of hurt."

VMI will receive $29 million in state funding for the 2023-2024 academic year — roughly a quarter of its $116 million budget. Tuition and fees total $31,474 for in-state students and $62,176 for out-of-state students.

Thomas Zarges, who chairs the VMI Alumni Agencies Board of Directors, acknowledged that the school, known for its grueling, months-long training period for freshmen called the "Rat Line" and its one-strike-and-you're-out honor code system, is facing powerful head winds.

"Recently, we have been swept up in the unforgiving political climate of the day. Some have cast the Institute as an anachronism and questioned the wisdom of maintaining it," Zarges wrote in the most recent issue of the college's alumni magazine. He praised Wins and other VMI leaders who have "refused to compromise the Institute's bedrock principles: The sanctity of our honor code and system and the rigors of our unique educational methods. … VMI remains VMI. It endures."

One major question facing VMI is whether the application and enrollment drops can allow the school to live up to — as its website proclaims — an "earned reputation as one of America's premier institutions of higher education." As of May 11, VMI had received 989 completed applications and accepted 969 students — an acceptance rate of 98 percent, according to the college's spokesman, Bill Wyatt.

So far, VMI has received deposits or other required enrollment forms from 457 students who plan to enter its Class of 2027, surpassing last year's incoming class by about 80. The college set a goal to reach at least 450 freshmen and hopes to return to about 500 by next year.

The roots of VMI's enrollment problem began about a decade ago, according to an analysis by two of the college's economics professors that was presented earlier this year to the school's board.

In 2013, VMI attracted 1,840 applicants and offered appointments to 952 people, giving the school an acceptance rate of about 52 percent, the study said. That year, 502 of those students enrolled.

But over the next decade, VMI's applications steadily plummeted. Between 2018 and 2019, applications fell from 1,426 to 1,193, giving the school an acceptance rate of 80 percent.

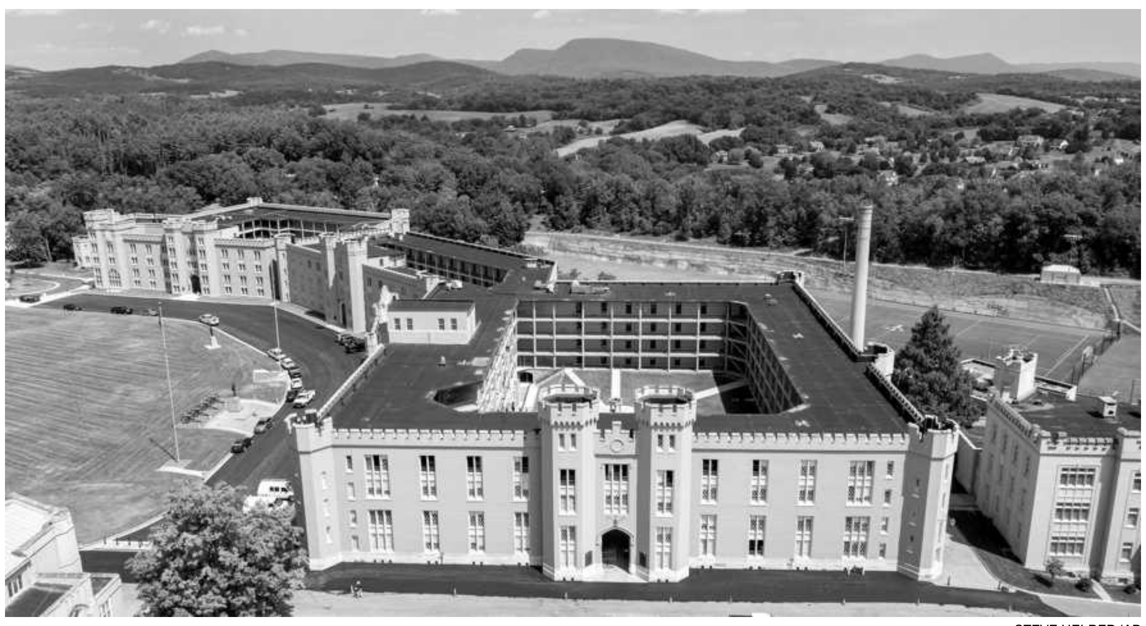
In 2021, during Wins's first academic year as superintendent, the covid pandemic, and the state-ordered investigation into the college, VMI actually saw a bump in applications, from 1,164 to 1,196. The "rat mass," as the freshman class is known, in August of that year was just under 500.

But in 2022, VMI's enrollment suffered a serious blow. That year, VMI got only 912 applications and offered spots to 879 people, for an acceptance rate of about 96 percent. Of those admitted, only 374 showed up, the study found. About 8 percent of VMI's students are Black.

At one of the board meetings in late April, VMI's admissions director, Joseph Hagy, displayed a report showing that VMI had so far rejected only eight applicants. Lara Chambers, another of the board's vice presidents, expressed alarm.

"I know we're trying to get a volume, but, you know, what is the quality that we're getting?" Chambers asked. "Right now it looks like … if you apply to VMI, you're going to get in."

One slide in the VMI admissions director's presentation seemed to confirm Chambers's fears: Those accepted into the Class of 2027 had a slightly lower grade-point average than the students offered appointments in the two prior years — 3.63 compared with 3.69. The Class of 2027 appointees also included 110 people with GPAs of 2.75 or lower, more than double the number in the prior year, and had the fewest number of accepted students with 4.0 or higher than the prior three years. One accepted student this year has a GPA of 1.49.



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The barracks in Lexington at Virginia Military Institute, the nation's oldest state-supported military college. A steep drop in applications has forced the school to accept virtually anyone who applies.

> *"It is only fitting that the current leader of the commonwealth share his wisdom and guidance with the future leaders of Virginia and the nation."*
>
> **VMI Superintendent Cedric T. Wins,**
> retired two-star general and member of VMI's Class of 1985

"It's embarrassing, our acceptance rate. It feels like I am going to a community college," said a rising junior, who did not want to be identified for fear of retaliation from fellow cadets and college officials. "I am concerned about the value of my degree. If we're accepting everyone, what does that say about the quality of the program we're supposed to be?"

Many of VMI's top competitors are not having the same issues.

For the past three years, interest in The Citadel, a rival military college in South Carolina, has soared: The number of applications climbed this year to 5,033, up from 2,592 in 2021, according to a Citadel spokesman. The college's acceptance rate is now 54 percent.

At Virginia Tech, the Corps of Cadets — the university's military leadership program — received 1,876 applications and accepted 1,304 people for an acceptance rate of 70 percent, according to Juan Espinoza, the college's associate vice provost for enrollment management and director of undergraduate admissions. The corps expects a freshman class of between 400 and 415 cadets — higher than in the previous years.

The school has focused, Espinoza said, on recruiting racial and ethnic minorities, military veterans and those who are low-income or are the first in their families to attend college. Within their first two months on campus, all Virginia Tech first-year and transfer students must complete a diversity, equity and inclusion training module, which Espinoza said "covers three main content areas: Identities; Power, Privilege and Oppression; and Creating a Culture of Respect."

"Students who apply here recognize inclusive excellence — diversity, equity and inclusion — as an important value. That's something they're looking for," Espinoza said.

But at VMI, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office was recently renamed Diversity, Opportunity and Inclusion in order to match the title of the state office in Richmond led by Martin D. Brown, a Youngkin appointee. When Brown visited VMI in late April to conduct a mandatory training for the college's faculty and staff, the Black Republican declared that "DEI is dead" and said that pursuing equity means "you're not pursuing merit or excellence or achievement."

Black lawmakers, incensed by Brown's remarks, called for his resignation. L. Douglas Wilder, a former Virginia governor and the first elected Black governor in U.S. history, called on Youngkin to fire Brown in early May.

"The state of affairs at VMI is in a mess," Wilder said in an interview. "General Wins has steadfastly addressed the issues, has tried to improve upon the current status, but he's been met with staunch opposition from a minority viewpoint from the Board of Visitors as well as dissident alumni, who are bragging that they've got the support of the governor relative to board appointments — and that's troubling. I'm concerned that a new board would remove Wins and, if they don't, they will make life miserable for him."

Wilder also worries that the VMI alumni who have been mocking the college's diversity efforts are hurting the school's reputation. Days after The Post published an article about Brown's remarks at VMI, a political action committee called the Spirit of VMI praised Brown. But then the PAC published a cartoon on Facebook and Twitter depicting Brown as a doll whose face, some say, resembles a monkey.

When The Post shared the cartoon with Wilder, he was stunned.

"It's clearly racist," Wilder said.

Asked for comment, Matt Daniel, chairman of the Spirit of VMI PAC who graduated with Wins in 1985, denied the drawing depicted a monkey. "It is not a monkey. That doesn't even make sense," he wrote in a text. "It is a voodoo doll in a business suit being harassed by a hostile writer."

Despite the college's DEI trainings, a handful of Black students who attended VMI this year and were interviewed by The Post said the college is still struggling with racism.

On April 28, one Black senior on the football team said, he was in a meeting with VMI's commandant, Adrian T. Bogart III, to discuss his freshman mentee, a Black football player with a high number of demerits. Bogart asked why the mentee, along with other Black freshmen on the team, had so many demerits and suggested that VMI's previous football coach "recruits street thugs."

"I was shocked," recalled the Black cadet, who graduates Tuesday but was unwilling to be quoted by name for fear of retaliation by VMI alumni. "He didn't try to take it back. Of course, I was upset. I am Black, and I am on the football team, and I was here for the state investigation. To use that term 'thug' in that context is very derogatory."

Bogart did not return messages seeking comment. Wyatt, VMI's spokesman, said in a statement that "VMI is aware of the allegation and is investigating. Once the facts are established, appropriate action will be taken if necessary. … The superintendent maintains a zero tolerance policy for racism and discrimination of any kind."

A second Black football player, who left VMI in February, said White upperclassmen frequently called him "thug" whenever he broke one of the college's rules governing the way freshmen walk on campus or eat their food in the dining hall, or whenever he talked back to an upperclassman who yelled obscenities in his face for failing to properly "strain" — a posture that involves tucking the chin tightly into the neck and standing rigidly upright.

"They called me that word too many times to count," said the former cadet, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wants to apply to other colleges and worries that his public statements might hurt his chances of admission.

But Marquan Jones, 22, a Black senior from Charlottesville who graduates in December, said he's seen the school make strides to improve its racial climate. The college just announced that a rising Black senior, Mark Shelton II, will be next year's regimental commander — the highest-ranking cadet in the college. Jones also noted that the school's superintendent and his chief of staff, John Young, are Black.

"It's a sign of hope," Jones said. "It shows other Black cadets what they can be when they strive for greatness."

JAY MATHEWS

Talking AP classes with a skeptic of the program

MATHEWS FROM **B2**

discussion about values that democracy requires. More debate and communication about the meaning and purpose of liberal education across secondary and higher education should lead to policy that is respectful of students' growth and teachers' intellectual autonomy."

Her criticism of the College Board's new digital platform, AP Classroom, for getting in the way of communication between teachers and students has merit. She said the online instruction it provides "curtails teachers' autonomy" by encouraging students to get what they need from the platform rather than from more thoughtful exchanges with their AP teachers in high school.

Her book is worth reading because, as she says, with 573,171 test takers in 2020, AP English Language was the most popular AP course. It and AP English Literature together represented nearly 19 percent of all AP exams administrated.

Abrams has not had a chance to look at the other 35 AP subjects with that same care. More time seeing what is going on with other disciplines in other schools would, I think, help her understand the extraordinary spread of AP teaching. Bronx Science, where she teaches, is a wonderful place but has a selective admissions system based mostly on test scores.

I have spent 20 years reporting on the growth of neighborhood and charter public schools that focus not on the most talented kids, but on low-income students who need a challenge. Advanced Placement has proved to be their most effective tool.

The portion of AP exams taken by low-income children increased from 9 percent in 2003 to 22 percent in 2018. Students have come to realize they can learn more in demanding AP courses than in regular high school courses even when they fail AP final exams written and graded by outside experts. Some public charter school networks focusing on impoverished students, such as IDEA, KIPP and Uncommon, have made AP the standard for nearly all students.

When I told Abrams many teachers, parents and students in charter systems such as these have praised how well AP prepared kids for college, her response was: "I acknowledge that the brand can be powerful, but the question for me is always whether there is a better way."

She said she would love to write more on 20th-century education theorists such as James B. Conant, Morris Meister and Ralph Ellison and their good ideas. I said I hope she also has time to look at present-day AP classrooms.

I think she will see that College Board devices such as AP Classroom have little to do with what happens with students. Energetic teachers who embrace AP standards are the key to learning in such classes. They demand homework. They call on every student. They emphasize thinking.

One example is an 11th-grade biology class at an Uncommon charter school in New Jersey where small groups of mostly low-income students took turns discussing key concepts. One group had to conceive an experiment that would test whether variations in the body armor of a threespine stickleback fish were inherited.

Abrams wisely doesn't suggest solutions to the problems she sees with AP. "My goal with the book is to promote conversation, not make a one-size-fits-all prescription," she told me.

"I would like to see high schools more like liberal arts colleges that encourage teacher and student initiative," she said.

I think once she visits more high schools, she will find AP teachers and their students creating classroom experiences even better than what happens in many university introductory courses.

Course discussion groups on big campuses are often led by graduate teaching assistants whose skills don't come close to what you find in an AP teacher like, for instance, Annie Abrams. I suspect she has good ideas for fixing that too.

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D.C. Council to decide fate of K Street transit project

COUNCIL FROM **B1**

way to alleviate traffic congestion for buses while allowing for faster and more frequent service downtown. The $123 million project came under fire last month when the council began to scrutinize Bowser's budget and learned that bike lanes were being removed. The city settled on the change after meetings with businesses along the corridor raised concerns about poor access for parking and deliveries.

Planners are working on changes to the design, transportation director Everett Lott told council members last month.

The removal of the bike infrastructure, which had been part of the project for years, sparked protest among bike groups and road safety advocates. Council members also have cited flaws with the design, while some have said the pandemic and changed commuter patterns during a shift to telework have made the project less relevant. The council has proposed leaving $1 million in the budget for transit way design work to continue and to possibly revamp the idea in the future.

Several council members say money for the K Street project should be used elsewhere.

Council member Zachary Parker (D-Ward 5) tweeted that Mendelson has an opportunity to use the money to "better meet residents' basic needs." Allen said he has asked Mendelson to use the money to restore D.C. Circulator bus routes the mayor has put on the chopping block, as well as on road safety initiatives. Council member Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large) said the funding should support housing programs.

"Transportation needs will be different in 2030 than they were in 2020," White said. "Let's plan for the future of downtown, and invest in housing and homelessness prevention so that we don't waste money on a project that doesn't fit the future or end up with a new transit way lined with tent encampments."

Council member Christina Henderson (I-At Large) said she supports pausing the K Street project to give planners time to revise the design and address community concerns. But she said revisions shouldn't take another year — on top of three years already spent on design work — and she doesn't support pulling all funds from the project. Finding the money in the future, she said, "will just be incredibly difficult."

Under the current plan, bus lanes — one in each direction — would be built in the center of K Street, providing dedicated space for more than a dozen bus routes that would be separated from other traffic. The corridor carried about 20,000 transit users daily before the pandemic, according to DDOT.

The proposed redesign of the mile-long corridor would eliminate K Street's decades-old service roads, which transportation officials say confuse motorists, slow traffic and leave pedestrians scrambling between medians. The project also would include improvements to crosswalks and new landscaping. The city was ready to put the project out for bid this year.

Along K Street, the transit plan would traverse a high-density commercial district abutting three federal parks: Farragut Square, McPherson Square and Franklin Park. The corridor also has high demand for truck deliveries and space for passengers to enter and exit vehicles.

Lott said last month the city was eliminating the one-way cycle tracks that had been part of the plan. Instead, he said, the city is looking to improve the bike lane one block north on L Street NW. Six weeks earlier, Lott had told the council the design had been completed and the project was on track with a center busway, a cycle track in each direction and pedestrian improvements.

"We're really excited this project is still moving forward," he said at the time. "It is going to transform the whole corridor." DDOT did not respond to multiple inquiries in recent days about the project.

Jeremiah Lowery, advocacy director at the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, said removal of the bike lanes came as an unpleasant surprise. While he said improvements to the L Street bike lane are welcomed, removing the bike infrastructure from K Street is not a trade-off, he said.

"Over the last few years they have been going around town promoting this project, talking about the bike lane, only to drop it at the 11th hour," he said. "This game DDOT is playing of 'pick and choose' on which street you want to be safe — that's not a good thing."

As Bowser blasted the council's funding move as a "downtown killer" earlier this month, Lott said that moving the bike lane to L Street was part of a compromise. Lott also has cited pressure from the business community to include more space for parking, drop-off and pickups, and deliveries.

Gerren G. Price, chief executive of the DowntownDC Business Improvement District, said while the business community has raised concern over the years about aspects of the project before eventually backing the plans, he was not aware of anyone "explicitly asking for the bike lanes to be removed." He said concerns have been about a three-year construction period and the lack of vehicle access to buildings.

A rendering Lott tweeted this month shows a more car-centric corridor, one that critics say goes against the District's vision for a more pedestrian- and bike-friendly city. The image shows seven car lanes, an expansion from the design finalized in December that sketched five car lanes, including a parking lane.

"That's more lanes of traffic than 295, Route 50 or any of our arterial streets," Allen said. "They're putting in a K Street freeway. That's not what we need."

Bowser earlier this month criticized the council for targeting the K Street project.

"I don't think anybody cares about the bike lane at the Wilson Building," she said. "Don't make this about bike lanes."

Price said it's unfortunate the project is stuck while "under siege." Holding back the project, he said, would threaten the future of the corridor and downtown.

"Current conditions on K Street are really not viable, and frankly the infrastructure is crumbling. We have major issues around traffic congestion," he said. "Please restore the funding to this project."

King family to mark 60th anniversary of D.C. march

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work.

Arndrea Waters King said organizers hope the rally will not be simply a commemoration or celebration of the action years ago, but rather an "activation of realizing the dream and an activation of democracy."

At the march, she and her husband will call on Congress to pass federal voting rights legislation — something they have sought for years, especially as the Supreme Court in 2013 invalidated a critical part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Six decades after Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous speech, Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King said they are troubled by what they see as an erosion of democracy in the United States. They pointed to a flurry of state laws that critics argue make voting more difficult, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the backlash to expanded LGBTQ rights, gun violence, school boards banning books and the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Arndrea Waters King said that in many cases, "we're seeing oppression being legislated."

"I think everyone's looking at all of this and in a lot of ways thinking, 'What in the world is going on?'" Arndrea Waters King said, later adding: "Our daughter, who is Martin Luther King Jr.'s only granddaughter, and her peers have progressively lost rights since the day that they were born."

Sharpton said that although society has made progress in some areas — Black, Latino and LGBTQ people, for example, hold positions of power — he worries about the country's future.

SALWAN GEORGES/THE WASHINGTON POST

Protesters gather at the Lincoln Memorial during the "Get Off Our Necks" march in D.C. on Aug. 28, 2020, to demand an end to police brutality and racism after the killing of George Floyd.

"We must translate that energy into legislation and not let right-wing forces push us back into days that remind us of pre-1963," Sharpton said, later adding: "We are seeing shadows of the past that have turned from shadows to actual incidents."

Following the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis, thousands of protesters gathered for the August 2020 "Get Your Knee Off Our Necks" March on Washington to demand an end to police brutality and racism. Last year, Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King honored the 59th anniversary of the march by launching a program through their organization, the Drum Major Coalition, to invest millions of dollars in 40 groups that promote freedom, justice and equality. They said they hope the August rally inspires attendees to organize in their own communities for a better democracy.

"It is our goal to really have America show up," Martin Luther King III said. "This is not about issues for one group or one ethnic group. It's about Americans. It's about creating a climate for America to fulfill its true promise for all of its citizens."

THE DISTRICT

Anti-immigration group files lawsuit against city's noncitizen voting law

BY JUSTIN WM. MOYER AND MEAGAN FLYNN

A lawsuit filed by seven D.C. voters represented by an anti-immigration group against the city's Board of Elections is headed to federal court as the plaintiffs try to stop the District from permitting noncitizens to vote in local elections.

The voters, including Republican mayoral candidate Stacia R. Hall and Dick A. Heller — a retired security officer whose landmark Supreme Court case ended the city's gun ban — sued the Board of Elections, seeking to prevent the board from implementing the D.C. Noncitizen Voting Act, passed by the D.C. Council in October after advocates successfully argued that noncitizens have an interest in schools, public safety and other issues.

The suit — initially filed in D.C. Superior Court in March but moved this month at the District's request to U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia — argues the legislation "dilutes" the votes of citizens and notes that it permits noncitizens to be elected to public office, including as mayor.

"Noncitizens do not have a fundamental right to vote in the United States," the lawsuit said. It is seeking an injunction preventing the board from registering noncitizen voters, counting their votes or spending funds to implement the legislation.

A spokesperson for the D.C. Board of Elections declined to comment, saying the board does not comment on pending litigation. The D.C. attorney general's office also declined to comment.

The plaintiffs are represented by the D.C.-based Immigration Reform Law Institute, a nonprofit group that advocates for limiting immigration. Christopher Hajec, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs, said they were "confident of our position whatever the forum."

"It violates a fundamental tenet of democratic self-rule to diminish the power of citizens to govern themselves in any part of the United States — much less the nation's capital," he said of the noncitizen voting law.

Hall, who lost in a landslide to Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) last year, said noncitizen voting is not a partisan issue but a "power grab" that discriminates against citizens.

"It is not a Republican issue because this law could affect all of us," Hall said.

The legislation allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections was enacted without Bowser's signature — though all the city's legislation goes to Congress for review before becoming law.

House Republicans led an effort to block the legislation, and 42 Democrats joined them in voting to reject it, with some noting they viewed the right to vote as "fundamental" to U.S. citizenship. But the resolution died in a Senate committee, allowing the noncitizen voting bill to become law.

Other jurisdictions in the Washington area already allow noncitizens to vote in local elections, including Takoma Park, Md. At least seven states, including Ohio and Florida, have banned the practice.

Jose Barrios, who leads the DC Latino Caucus — a Democratic group that advocated for the legislation — said the group's support for the bill was based on a basic premise: that all people affected by local laws should "have a voice in who enacts those laws."

Noncitizens pay taxes, run businesses and send their children to public schools, he said. He described the argument that allowing noncitizens to vote would "dilute" the votes of American citizens as a mirror of efforts throughout history to block expanding the franchise to various demographic groups.

"The same argument has been rehashed every time that we wanted to expand voting rights, whether it was for Black people, for Brown people or for women," Barrios said. "It has always been an argument, about diluting the voter franchise, by people who feel like they have something to lose. We think that expanding democracy is a good thing — it is not a bad thing."

Barrios said the next stage of the group's advocacy will be education — making sure those who will be newly eligible to vote in municipal elections know how to register. A D.C. Council committee has proposed $1.4 million in the fiscal 2024 budget, which will be voted on this month, to implement the law — funding that includes resources for outreach to residents.

Medicaid unwinding begins in region

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Who is most vulnerable?

Children, as well as people of color, will be disproportionately impacted by Medicaid unwinding, with 5.3 million children and 4.7 million adults ages 18 to 34 expected to lose coverage. Nearly one-third of people unenrolled (or 4.6 million people) are likely to be Latino and 15 percent (or 2.2 million people) Black, according to estimates from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Who is expected to lose Medicaid locally?

Nearly half of D.C. residents — about 305,000 people — receive Medicaid. Enrollment increased about 20 percent over the past three years to record levels, according to Melisa Byrd, medical director of the Department of Health Care Finance. An estimated 30,500 residents will lose coverage due to unwinding, Byrd said.

About 1.7 million Marylanders are enrolled in Medicaid. The program grew by about 400,000 residents while disenrollments were prohibited, said Deputy Health Secretary Ryan Moran. KFF estimates 75,700 to 304,700 people could lose coverage in Maryland due to unwinding.

During the pandemic, Medicaid enrollment in Virginia grew from 1.5 million to almost 2.2 million, said Sarah Hatton, deputy director for administration of the state Department of Medical Assistance Services. State officials estimate 18 percent of enrollees (or 394,000 people) will lose Medicaid in unwinding — most of whom will no longer be eligible — but 4 percent of enrollees (or 87,000 people) will fall off the rolls for administrative reasons, Hatton said. Due to unwinding, about 140,000 Virginia children will no longer be covered by Medicaid.

How will redeterminations work?

A good chunk of people will be re-enrolled automatically using financial data the government already has access to, but many more will need to provide more information via phone, online, in person or through the mail — a challenge if their mailing address, email address or phone number has changed. That's why the central message from many agencies has been to encourage recipients to update their contact information as soon as possible.

How can I update my information?

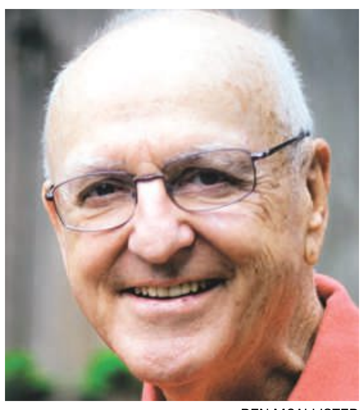
District Direct — *districtdirect.dc.gov* — is the online portal for applying or reapplying for benefits and is the best place to update your contact information. For information and questions, residents can call the Public Benefits Call Center at 202-727-5355, or find service centers at *dhs.dc.gov/service/find-service-center-near-you.* Interpreters are available at no cost in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish, French, Amharic and Arabic.

Maryland enrollees can log in to their account at *MarylandHealthConnection.gov* and update contact information. Enrollees can call Maryland Health Connection at 1-855-642-8572 for more information. Help is available in more than 200 languages. They can also call or visit their local Department of Social Services or local health department.

In Virginia, enrollees can go to *commonhelp.virginia.gov.* There is a Cover Virginia Call Center at 1-855-242-8282. Enrollees can send completed renewal paperwork by mail in the prepaid return envelope; fax or in person at one of 120 local Department of Social Services offices.

OBITUARIES

BILL MCALLISTER, 81



BEN MCALLISTER

Bill McAllister worked at The Post from 1975 to 1999.

Post reporter also wrote on stamps, coins

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bill McAllister, a Washington Post national reporter in the 1980s and 1990s who wrote a long-running column on coins and stamps, died May 1 at a hospital in Fairfax County, Va. He was 81 and a resident of Fairfax City, Va.

The cause was pneumonia and complications from covid, said his son William H. "Billy" McAllister IV.

Mr. McAllister, widely known as "Buddy," joined The Post in 1975 with an assignment to rove Virginia for stories. He later served eight years overseeing statewide news coverage before moving to the national staff as a general-assignment reporter.

Besides writing about political and policy developments across many federal agencies, he cultivated a journalistic specialty focused on the Postal Service and had a column about stamps and coins published in the Weekend section.

In one column from 1997, he visited Pittsboro, N.C., the farm town where he had grown up and where the centrally located post office had been shuttered in favor of an updated mail-sorting facility a mile outside of town. He wanted to illustrate the "conflict between the Postal Service as profit-making company and the Post Office as community center."

"Excitement," he wrote, "would come twice a day to Pittsboro, my North Carolina hometown of 1,875: Once in the morning and again in the afternoon, folks would gather at the town's post office to watch the incoming letters slide into their mailboxes."

"The mail doesn't come to most residents of Pittsboro. They go to the mail," he added. "As in many small towns across America, a daily trip to the Pittsboro Post Office ... is a ritual, a necessity of life. Urban dwellers, accustomed to the convenience of door-to-door delivery and the blue collection boxes that dot the street corners of America's cities, cannot begin to imagine the importance of the Pittsboro Post Office to the people who live there."

"If you're poor, or a downtown merchant, or elderly like my parents, the new post office is a calamity," Mr. McAllister continued. "Unless you want to walk along the red clay shoulder of a busy two-lane highway, the only way to get there is to drive. ... It's difficult for officials in Washington to calculate the cost of a tear in the fabric of a small town's life."

After retirement from The Post in 1999, he wrote for Linn's Stamp News, a publication for stamp collectors.

William Howard McAllister III was born in Durham, N.C., on Nov. 6, 1941. His father, a banker, went overseas as a Navy signalman during World War II. In those wartime years, Buddy was raised by his mother and aunts, one of whom later gifted him a small mimeograph machine on which he published a neighborhood newspaper for a penny.

In his teens, he was a freelancer for several newspapers in his home county and was paid 10 cents a column inch. He received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1964 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also completed a master's in journalism in 1966.

He spent his early career at the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, rising to city editor, and was a San Francisco-based reporter with the Wall Street Journal. He spent 26 years in the Navy Reserve as a public affairs officer, rising to the rank of captain before retiring in 1993.

In 1965, he married Rena "Polly" Farrell. In addition to his wife, of Fairfax City, and his son William, of Newport News, Va., survivors include three other sons, Christopher F. McAllister of Alexandria, Va., Jonathan T. McAllister of Narberth, Pa., and Benjamin J. McAllister of Chapel Hill; a sister; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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May 29, 2023
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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DEATH NOTICE

JOHNSON

SOLINA M. JOHNSON

On May 3, 2023 our beloved "Nana" departed this earth. She is survived by her husband William C. Johnson, Jr.; daughter Rev. Sonja Williams (Dwight); and grandson David S. Williams. A Memorial Service will be held on May 19, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Kingdom Fellowship AME Church, 11710 Beltsville Rd., Calverton, MD 20705.

DEATH NOTICE

MCMILLEN

FRANKIE ANNE YOWELL MCMILLEN (Age 99)

Mrs. Frankie Anne Yowell McMillen of Roanoke, VA., passed away at her home on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

She was born Frankie Anne Yowell in Sperryville, VA. on October 2, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Lillie (Coates) Yowell and Joseph Yowell. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Donald Carl McMillen, and only sibling, Nancy Yowell Starr.

After graduation from Virginia's Sperryville High School, she attended Madison College (now James Madison University) earning a degree in Business Education in 1946. She taught eight years at Maryland's Bladensburg High School before meeting and marrying Carl McMillen on April 16, 1954. She then transferred to Maryland's High Point High School before taking a sabbatical for 10 years to raise her two young sons, Don and Richard, and take classes in Library Sciences at the University of Maryland. She returned to education working as a Librarian at Maryland's Marlton Elementary and a Business Education teacher at Maryland's Roosevelt High School. She taught for a total of 27 years before retiring to enjoy time with her granddaughters.

Mrs. McMillen is survived by her two sons, Don McMillen and Richard McMillen, and three granddaughters.

Mrs. McMillen will be inurned with her beloved husband, Carl McMillen, at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium at a later date. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.Oakeys.com.

Arrangements by Oakey's Funeral Service – South Chapel, Roanoke, VA (540) 989-3131.

DEATH NOTICE

PRENSKY

DAVID L. PRENSKY

David L. Prensky died peacefully in his home on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the age of 74. Born July 13, 1948 in Great Neck, NY to Estelle and Arnold Prensky. David is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Lois Weiner; devoted father of Shelly Levin (David); loving brother of Carol Schein (Burt) and Janet Prensky; cherished "PopPop" of Sophie and Hayley Levin; beloved uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Long time retail executive for Woodward and Lothrop and John Wannamaker's. An avid sports collector, GW loyalist and die-hard Yankee fan forever. Funeral service will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023, 11:30 a.m. at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Chapel, 14321 Comus Rd., Clarksburg, MD 20871 with interment to follow. Family will be observing Shiva on Monday night only at 7:30 p.m., please reach out to the family for details by email to gramatan42@gmail.com. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, National Kidney Foundation or No Kid Hungry. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

www.sagelbloomfield.com

IN MEMORIAM

GIVAN

JUDY ANNE GIVAN
11/15/47 - 5/15/13
Our love is here to stay.

POLLIN

ELAINE ZETLIN POLLIN
May 15, 2011
In Loving Memory:
We Remember: "When we are in need of strength, we remember Elaine."
Alan, Jayne and Richard Pollin, Lauren Kay, Cynthia and Morton Zetlin
The Pollin, Zetlin, Madone and Wade Families

DEATH NOTICE

DAVITT

MICHAEL EMMET DAVITT (Age 69)

On Friday, May 5, 2023, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved husband of Ingrid Davitt; father of Cara Franke (Adam), Anna Hogan (Tim), and Allison Davitt; grandfather of Alessandra and Kellan Franke; brother of Irene Jones (Craig), John Davitt (Deb), Brian Davitt (Patty), Emmet Davitt (Julie), Margaret Leddy (Craig), Kate Bloomer (Rob), Chris Davitt (Kate), Casey Bloomer (Jim), and Patty Long (Jay). Also survived by 45 nieces and nephews, and 49 grand nieces and nephews. Relatives and Friends may pay their respects at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD (Valet Parking) on Friday, May 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial Celebrated at Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 5949 Western Ave. NW, Washington DC on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Mike's honor to Saint Anselm's Abbey, Washington, DC, or The Angel Fund for ALS Research at theangelfund.org. Please view the full obituary at:

www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com

GOODMAN

NEIL MICHAEL GOODMAN
May 10, 1957 - May 8, 2023

Neil Michael Goodman, of Chevy Chase, Maryland and West Boothbay Harbor, Maine, died on Monday, May 8, 2023 surrounded by his wife and children.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Neil was a stalwart fan of the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres. He attended Nichols preparatory school, honing his work ethic by washing dishes in his family's businesses, including at the iconic Park Lane restaurant. Neil graduated from Brown University in 1979 with a degree in American History and an affinity for dry historical tomes. His friends from Brown, including his rowing teammates, were a source of adventure and support throughout his adult life.

Neil went on to law school at Columbia University, graduating in 1983. After a clerkship for Judge Frank Battisti on the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Ohio, Neil became an associate at the law firm Arnold & Porter in Washington DC. There, he was relentlessly pursued by a young legal assistant who would become his wife, but he stayed focused on his career, becoming a partner in 1991. Neil's practice in international finance evolved from his role on some of the largest sovereign debt restructurings during the Latin America debt crisis, including the representation of the Ministries of Finance and Central Banks of Venezuela, Brazil, and Panama.

Neil was an avid runner, completing seven marathons including the New York Marathon, and he was a self-appointed coach for all of his children's athletic events. His retirement in 2021 allowed time to enjoy his family, including grandson Christopher Sweeterman and his daughters' partners David Sweeterman and John Rupp.

Neil was a naturalist who took great pleasure in exploring the country's national parks, skiing in Telluride, and boating off the coast of Maine with his children. He tracked birds across North America, Africa, and, during the pandemic, at home in Boothbay Harbor, where an elusive Russian Steller's Sea Eagle had resettled. Neil was honored to serve on the Board for Nature Bridge, an organization that provides environmental education opportunities for children.

Neil's spirit is held by his surviving family, including wife Emily Whiting and their children, Caroline (Sweeterman), Charlotte, and Nathan. He is also mourned by his sister Barbara and by an extended family that includes his father-in-law, Douglas Whiting, and beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Neil is predeceased by his parents Seymour and Marian Goodman and by his mother-in-law Charlotte Whiting.

The family will host a gathering at their home in Chevy Chase, MD in remembrance of Neil and a gathering in Boothbay Harbor, Maine at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Neil's memory may be made to So Others Might Eat or to Nature Bridge.

When the need arises, let families find you in the Funeral Services Directory.

To be seen in the Funeral Services Directory, please call paid Death Notices at 202-334-4122.

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KAMALIAN

NEUBAR KAMALIAN (Age 91)

Neubar Kamalian passed away peacefully on May 11, 2023 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Preceded in death by his parents Hripsime and Roopen, survivors of the Armenian Genocide in Turkey. He was born in Racine, WI in 1932. After graduating from Horlick High School, he served four years in the U.S. Navy as an Electronics Technician at the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. As a recipient of the GI Bill, he graduated from the Univ. of WI in Madison with a BA in Mechanical Engineering and later earned a Masters from George Washington Univ. He worked as a civilian engineer for the Dept. of the Navy in missile and submarine technology development, first at Point Mugu, CA and later in Washington, DC. He went on to work at the Dept. of Transportation in the Office of High Speed Ground Transportation as a Project Manager for the first tracked air cushion vehicle (TACV) tested in Pueblo, CO. During his career, he authored and contributed to a total of 17 U.S. patents. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Margaret, his sons Neubar Jr. and Raffi (Satoko), nieces Jane, Patricia (Ernie Dernai) and Anita, nephew Vahan (Dawn), and grandchildren, Sebastian, Aram and Milena.

Memorial contributions may be made to Soorp Khatch Armenian Apostolic Church Building Fund. Service May 16, details at:

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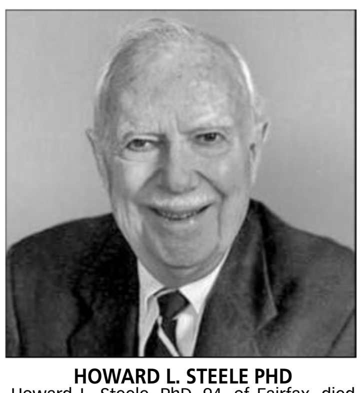
STEELE



HOWARD L. STEELE PHD

Howard L. Steele, PhD, 94, of Fairfax, died peacefully at home on May 11, 2023, of natural causes. He is survived by his loving wife Elaine Steele; his sons John Steele (Sue Putman) and David Steele (Maria); daughters Patricia Moore (Ralph), and Jennifer Steele; grandchildren Eric Steele (Megan), Ryan Steele, Gabriel Steele, and Ella Steele; great-granddaughters Ruby and Melody Steele; and stepsons Matthew and David Haddock. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ruby Steele.

Howard was a development economist from 1971-1997 in the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), US Department of Agriculture. Prior to that, he taught at Clemson University, the Agricultural College of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, The Ohio State University, and the University of Maryland's University College. A native of western Pennsylvania, Howard spent ten years in the dairy business, working with his father. He held a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky, an MS from Penn State University, and a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University. He authored 61 titles, including three books about experiences in the FAS, a seminal Brazilian agricultural marketing textbook, and a history of the Scots-Irish Steel(e) family co-written with his father. He was fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, worked in more than 43 countries, and lived in Sri Lanka, Honduras, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Brazil.

He was an avid storyteller, traveller, aviator, fisherman, gardener, reader, and Penn State Nittany Lion fan. He was a long-time St. Matthew's United Methodist Church member, serving in several capacities as committee leader, usher, and Sunday School teacher.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA.

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, a Celebration of Life service with reception to follow will begin at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Tpk, Annandale, VA. (703) 978-3500. A private family burial will occur at Fairfax Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Legacy Property Fund). or to the Howard L. and Elaine H. Steele Award for Agricultural Adventures at the College of Agricultural Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University (www.raise.psu.edu/AE15P or Office of Annual Giving, 2583 Gateway Drive, Suite 200, State College, PA 16801).

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(PER DAY)

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Black & White
1" - $155 (text only)
2" - $355 (text only)
3" - $505
4" - $555
5" - $700

SUNDAY
Black & White
1"- $185 (text only)
2" - $390 (text only)
3" - $560
4" - $590
5" - $765

6"+ for ALL Black & White notices
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MONDAY-SATURDAY
Color
3" - $650
4" - $700
5" - $855

SUNDAY
Color
3" - $685
4" - $785
5" - $955

6"+ for ALL color notices
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STUTMAN

DAVID STUTMAN

1923-2023

On Friday, May 12, 2023, David Stutman passed away at age 99.

David was a lifelong Washingtonian. He grew up on Spring Road NW, attended Raymond Elementary, MacFarland Junior High and Roosevelt High School. His childhood stomping ground was the Raymond Playground. He graduated from George Washington University and completed the Education for Public Management Program at the University of Washington (Seattle).

David enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served as a machine gunner in the 145th Infantry, 37th Division during WWII in the South Pacific, earning two battle stars for combat in Bougainville and Luzon.

David was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Oak Leaf Cluster for heroic achievement at Luzon. On April 27, 1945 he was the only ammunition carrier of the first machine gun squad to reach the peak of Mount Pacawagan. When the first gunner was wounded he became the assistant gunner, ultimately defending his position against the enemy counter-attack with his rifle. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during the Battle of Manila while rescuing wounded Americans who had been booby-trapped by the enemy.

David was a patriotic American and a career civil servant for 40 years at the Pentagon. He served as Chief of Management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics on the Army Staff. He received numerous citations including the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service from the Secretary of the Army. During his career, he served as the Army Logistics Representative on the Army Reorganization Commission which successfully implemented the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Goldwater - Nichols Act).

David loved telling stories, following the Washington Senators and the Washington Redskins, azalea gardening, playing tennis and baseball as a youth, golf, traveling around the country and the world with his daughters, and serving as Chief of Staff for his grandchildren. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and passionate about the State of Israel. He was known as "Daddy" to family and friends and "Grandpa Dave" to his beloved grandchildren.

David is survived by his devoted daughters Rochelle Eisenberg (Stephen d.), Barbara Kruglak (Alan), and Valerie Portney. Also survived by his seven grandchildren Lauren Feldman (Steven), Michael Eisenberg (Nikki Campbell), Rachel Eisenberg, Danielle Wentworth (Brian), Eric Kruglak (Jennifer), Alexandra Portney, Joey Portney; and his six great-grandchildren Spencer, Poppy and Dylan Feldman, Wren Eisenberg, Arielle and Cody Wentworth; and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Antoinette, son Russell, parents Daniel and Yetta (Loube) Stutman, brother Philip Baker, and sisters Jean Schwartz and Betty Abramson.

David will be buried on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery. A Memorial Service and Shiva will be held at the home of Lauren and Steven Feldman on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

IN MEMORIAM

DURFEE

ROBERT LEWIS DURFEE

Jean Durfee, Shelley Durfee and John Durfee celebrate the birthday of Robert Lewis Durfee on May 15. Robert passed away on October 9, 2022. He was born in Farmville, VA in 1936 and grew up on a small family farm in Prospect with his parents and his sister, Betty.

As he grew older, Robert (Durf or Bob to his friends) cut and sold pulpwood to make money and after enrolling in Virginia Tech, where he joined the ROTC, read French and Russian listening to Mozart, Stravinsky and Copeland, and hustled at bridge and pool to make some spending money. He thrived academically, getting his Masters degree, followed by winning an opportunity to attend Oak Ridge National Laboratory to complete his PhD. There he met and dated Jean Harrison, telling her he wasn't ready to get married, but that when he did he was going to marry her. She responded "YES"! By the age of 24, Robert had amassed an MS in Nuclear Engineering Physics, a PhD in Chemical Engineering and a wife!

Durf and Jean moved to Virginia and Durf started work at Atlantic Research Company. Some of his projects there, including several patents obtained, involved fuel development and testing for the military, and a new type of medical pump for whole blood and novel designs for artificial heart valves, which minimized damage to the red blood cells. In 1969 he and a handful of colleagues from ARC founded Versar. He wrote most of the early proposals that led to Versar becoming a major contractor for the EPA. Some of these projects were determining to what extent high voltage transmission lines were producing hazardous chemicals, and years of work with EPA at Superfund cleanup sites, particularly with polychlorinated biphenyls in the environment. Eventually he became president of Geomet which was a spinoff company from Versar.

After his death on October 9, 2022, his friends and neighbors made the following tributes to Robert in person at his Celebration of Life with others sent in the mail.

"What a way to celebrate Durf's majestic mind. He drew friends into his world with sincerity. He had strong character and was a robust giant of a man with a wonderful concern for the natural world and protecting all creatures and wildflowers that happened to share his acreage."

He could recognize bird calls with expertise and cared deeply about the environment; which correlated well with much of his and Versar's work related to environmental protection and regeneration. He loved walking through the woods looking for wildflowers and edible mushrooms, loved gardening and cultivating new plants, and sharing seeds (some from Carl Linnaeus' garden in Sweden) with others. He shared his brain - filled with history, stars and planets, medicine, science and more. He was a unique caretaker given power perhaps because he so rarely chose to use it.

"It is easy to say things about Durf. His advice was always just right - it was a wonderful time!"

"As we dived in the cave at Chankanaab, responsible Durf (but with no scuba training!!!) kept watch that we all returned!! Durf was a welcoming host at the airport, managing suitcases as he managed us."

"Late in his life in the hospital, he was sharing with me, talking about the future. His values made me feel deeply human. When he saw a video of Jean's 90th birthday, which he could not attend, he told me he was so proud of his family"

"Robert was known for his humanity and collegial leadership. He was a mentor but also a friend to many people who worked for him. He was kind and funny and knew everything about anything. His small gestures had a big input. He made you feel special."

One friend was in awe of his careful attention to investigating subjects as diverse as wines and Japanese paintings, Satsuma and Imari, which he enjoyed sharing with the neighborhood Bunco ladies.

For more than 20 years, Durf, originally encouraged by two very special families, created a unique experience for the neighborhood children, walking up the long driveway on Halloween night. Durf used Shelley's old record player to power a ghost moving between the trees, there were screams of owls, a port-a-potty transformed into a jail with Durfee faces behind bars, a graveyard coming alive, a skeleton wedding. We recall a friend's young son running ahead to join Durf playing with toy snakes, as Medusa appears in the doorway with tiny snakes curling her hair.

Durf's niece's daughter thought of him as "... a lovely man I enjoyed seeing who taught me a lot!" A nephew, present at our Celebration had enjoyed off-roading with him, noting that he must have a natural GPS.

Durf joined others traveling to Oshkosh Wisconsin, Florida, England and Germany to promote TRADE-A-PLANE, an aviation publication started in 1937 by Jean's father Cosby Harrison. Making lifelong friends with employees on these trips was a special treat. One employee wrote: "Durf's slow, easy grin; the old world courtesy we all experienced. What a genuine legacy Durf has given us."

Robert is survived by his wife, Jean and children, John (wife Preeti) and Shelley (husband Willie); grandchildren Rohan and Sanjay; his sister, Betty Durfee Coleman of Farmville, VA, and her family: grandson, Charles Allen and his wife, Ellen, and great grandchildren Charlie and Avery; and Jean's family from Crossville, TN: Rob Harrison and family, George Harrison and family, Edna Sue Patton and family, the Strachn family and the Stone family.

DEATH NOTICE DEATH NOTICE

LANE

BETTSY HEWITT LANE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bettsy Hewitt Lane on May 4, 2023. Bettsy was born on June 22, 1944, in Ashville, NY to Arthur and Althea Hewitt and passed away peacefully in Fredericksburg, VA.

Bettsy was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, stepmother, step grandmother, and step great-grandmother. She was known for her kind heart, her generosity, her unwavering love for her family, and her lifelong affection for her cats, especially her Birmans.

Bettsy was a dedicated wife to her husband, Michael Lane, and together they shared many memories traveling worldwide in their lifelong quest for adventure.

Bettsy was a brilliant woman, and lifetime public servant. She earned her bachelor's degree from Purdue and went on to receive her PhD in psychology from the University of Rochester.

Bettsy was a dedicated public servant and worked for the United States Treasury Department for 34 years, serving as Assistant Commissioner for several years. She was a respected leader in her field and was known for her expertise and professionalism. She pioneered programs still in use today such as direct deposit for federal benefits distribution, enabling financial security for millions, particularly the elderly and homeless who may not otherwise be able to collect their benefits consistently.

Outside of her professional life, Bettsy was an avid traveler, always seeking new adventures and experiences. She and Michael traveled frequently with friends to exotic and exciting destinations. She had a particular affinity for Chinese culture and was lovingly referred to as Zumu (Chinese for grandma) by her grandchildren.

Upon retirement, she and Michael moved to Gloucester, VA where she became a light in her community, volunteering in nursing homes and garden clubs or simply hosting water aerobics for her neighbors, sharing her positive energy and generous spirit wherever she went. Bettsy was also a lover of nature and enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it be hiking, gardening, or simply taking a walk. She also loved to shop with family and friends as evidenced in her quirky yet classic style.

Bettsy will be dearly missed by her family and friends, who will always remember her as a loving and caring person. Her legacy will live on through her stepchildren, niece and nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who will continue to be inspired by her kindness, her strength, and her unwavering spirit.

Bettsy is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Althea Hewitt and survived by her husband, Michael Lane, sister, Mary Jo Wanner, brother, William Watson (Sheila) Hewitt, nephews, Todd (Melissa) and Tim (Amy), niece, Tammy (Roy), stepson, Michael Lane, stepdaughter, Laura (Michael) Pontbriand, stepson Ian (Liz) Lane, grandchildren, Leann, AlanMichael, Brody and great-grandchildren, Jaycen and Aleena.

Details regarding a celebration of Bettsy's life will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bettsy's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fredericksburg-va/bettsy-lane-11278165 for the Lane family.

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Mostly sunny

Maybe an early-morning shower well south of town, but skies should fairly quickly turn mostly sunny in the morning. Highs head for the mid-70s or so with light winds. Overnight, skies are fairly clear, but we could see a few clouds and even a stray shower nearer dawn. Low temperatures should bottom out in the 50s. Light southwest winds could occasionally gust near 15 mph.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly sunny	Shower	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	T-storms
77° 59°	75° 57°	71° 49°	67° 52°	72° 57°	74° 59°
FEELS*: **80°**	FEELS: **79°**	FEELS: **74°**	FEELS: **73°**	FEELS: **72°**	FEELS: **75°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **0%**	P: **70%**	P: **5%**	P: **10%**	P: **20%**	P: **60%**
WIND: **WNW 6–12 mph**	W: **SSW 7–14 mph**	W: **NNW 8–16 mph**	W: **ESE 6–12 mph**	W: **SSE 6–12 mph**	W: **W 7–14 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Low**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Moderate**

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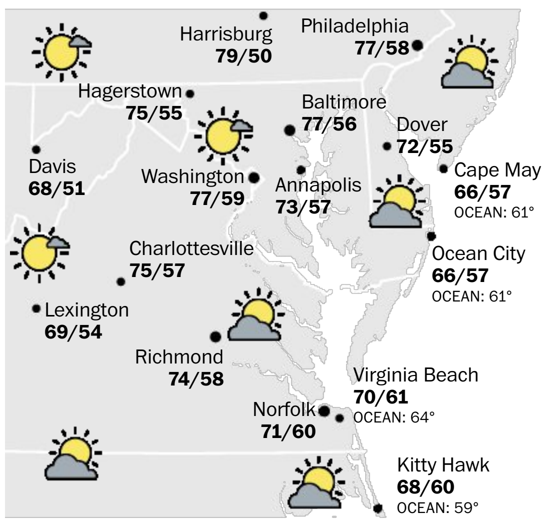


Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	Moderate

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Very High
10 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, sun, some clouds. High 53 to 57. Winds west–southwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 49 to 53. Winds west–southwest 6–12 mph. Tuesday, periods of rain; windy in the afternoon. High 61 to 65. Winds west–southwest 10–20 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny. High 66 to 71. Winds east–southeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 56 to 60. Winds south–southwest 8–16 mph. Tuesday, a shower. High 71 to 77. Winds south–southwest 10–20 mph.

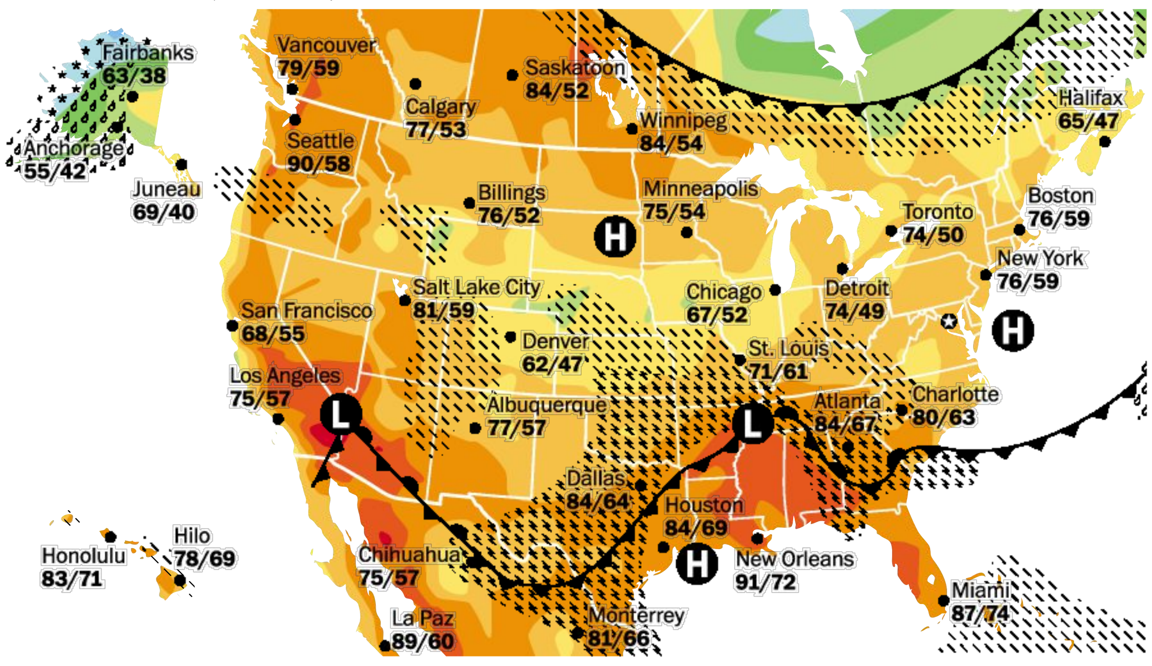
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind north 4–8 knots becoming southwest. Waves under a foot. Visibility clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind west 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 4.30 feet today, falling to 4.10 Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**5:11 a.m.**	12:16 p.m.	**5:39 p.m.**	none
Annapolis	**2:37 a.m.**	8:47 a.m.	**2:41 p.m.**	8:51 p.m.
Ocean City	**4:39 a.m.**	10:56 a.m.	**5:12 p.m.**	11:31 p.m.
Norfolk	12:38 a.m.	**6:46 a.m.**	12:52 p.m.	**7:18 p.m.**
Point Lookout	5:03 a.m.	**10:40 a.m.**	5:06 p.m.	**11:17 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **101°**
Low: Yellowstone N.P., WY **24°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Nawabshah, Pakistan **117°**
Low: Kazachye, Russia **–9°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	72/52/pc	77/45/pc
Albuquerque	77/57/t	82/58/c
Anchorage	55/42/pc	51/39/sh
Atlanta	84/67/t	82/67/t
Austin	85/66/t	82/62/t
Baltimore	77/56/s	76/57/pc
Billings, MT	76/52/pc	77/53/s
Birmingham	91/71/t	84/67/t
Bismarck, ND	78/45/s	82/51/pc
Boise	82/54/sh	83/53/s
Boston	76/59/s	79/53/s
Buffalo	68/50/s	66/42/pc
Burlington, VT	74/55/pc	66/41/t
Charleston, SC	78/65/t	83/71/t
Charleston, WV	73/58/c	72/52/r
Charlotte	80/63/t	84/66/t
Cheyenne, WY	57/45/c	73/45/t
Chicago	67/52/s	76/46/pc
Cincinnati	70/59/pc	65/53/sh
Cleveland	69/51/s	69/47/c
Dallas	84/64/t	81/62/t
Denver	62/47/c	77/49/pc
Des Moines	61/53/r	77/53/c
Detroit	74/49/s	75/44/pc
El Paso	84/64/t	88/64/c
Fairbanks, AK	63/38/pc	69/43/pc
Fargo, ND	79/52/s	81/53/s
Hartford, CT	78/53/s	83/53/s
Honolulu	83/71/pc	84/72/pc
Houston	84/69/t	84/67/t
Indianapolis	67/58/pc	63/53/sh
Jackson, MS	91/70/t	89/66/t
Jacksonville, FL	85/67/pc	87/68/t
Kansas City, MO	63/54/r	69/54/c
Las Vegas	97/76/s	96/76/pc
Little Rock	90/70/t	79/66/t
Los Angeles	75/57/pc	77/58/pc
Louisville	75/62/sh	74/55/t
Memphis	92/71/t	83/65/t
Miami	87/74/t	90/74/t
Milwaukee	66/51/s	74/45/t
Minneapolis	75/54/s	82/55/pc
Nashville	87/67/t	85/59/t
New Orleans	91/72/t	86/73/t
New York City	76/59/s	79/56/s
Norfolk	71/60/pc	77/65/sh
Oklahoma City	69/57/sh	74/57/t
Omaha	59/52/r	79/54/pc
Orlando	90/69/s	93/73/t
Philadelphia	77/58/s	79/60/s
Phoenix	100/77/c	99/77/s
Pittsburgh	76/48/pc	64/47/sh
Portland, ME	73/54/s	73/46/c
Portland, OR	89/61/t	88/60/pc
Providence, RI	76/55/s	76/55/s
Raleigh, NC	76/62/pc	84/69/t
Reno, NV	82/51/s	85/53/s
Richmond	74/58/pc	76/59/r
Sacramento	87/55/s	93/57/s
St. Louis	71/61/sh	72/58/c
St. Thomas, VI	86/78/pc	86/78/c
Salt Lake City	81/59/pc	81/60/s
San Diego	67/61/pc	69/61/pc
San Francisco	68/55/pc	72/53/pc
San Juan, PR	90/75/pc	90/75/sh
Seattle	90/58/t	79/56/pc
Spokane, WA	82/57/c	78/57/t
Syracuse	70/49/pc	75/40/pc
Tampa	93/75/s	90/78/pc
Wichita	66/55/sh	73/55/c

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	76/56/c	75/56/pc
Amsterdam	59/43/sh	58/44/c
Athens	76/63/c	74/59/t
Auckland	63/52/pc	63/54/sh
Baghdad	94/62/pc	97/65/s
Bangkok	98/79/pc	99/82/pc
Beijing	96/67/s	97/66/t
Berlin	68/50/sh	63/43/sh
Bogota	66/51/r	66/49/c
Brussels	59/43/sh	59/41/c
Buenos Aires	71/61/s	73/60/s
Cairo	90/66/s	97/71/pc
Caracas	76/65/t	77/64/t
Copenhagen	66/50/sh	59/43/sh
Dakar	80/73/s	80/72/pc
Dublin	58/39/pc	61/41/pc
Edinburgh	58/42/sh	61/44/pc
Frankfurt	69/51/sh	61/42/c
Geneva	66/50/t	59/48/sh
Ham., Bermuda	74/63/c	73/66/s
Helsinki	72/50/c	61/50/c
Ho Chi Minh City	95/80/t	95/80/t
Hong Kong	82/75/pc	86/78/c
Islamabad	99/73/s	94/70/pc
Istanbul	75/58/c	78/59/pc
Jerusalem	86/64/s	92/67/s
Johannesburg	63/48/sh	62/47/t
Kabul	79/55/pc	77/54/pc
Kingston, Jam.	89/80/t	89/79/sh
Kolkata	99/83/t	98/83/s
Kyiv	76/54/c	69/57/c
Lagos	85/76/t	88/77/t
Lima	74/68/pc	75/67/pc
Lisbon	73/56/s	82/61/s
London	60/43/sh	64/46/pc
Madrid	72/46/pc	73/47/pc
Manila	95/81/t	94/81/t
Mexico City	76/53/r	76/53/r
Montreal	72/53/c	55/38/r
Moscow	67/47/c	69/50/pc
Mumbai	95/84/pc	94/84/pc
Nairobi	77/60/pc	77/59/r
New Delhi	107/82/pc	106/82/pc
Oslo	70/49/sh	64/41/sh
Ottawa	75/51/c	57/34/sh
Paris	61/43/c	61/44/pc
Prague	63/46/r	59/44/sh
Rio de Janeiro	77/66/s	78/70/s
Riyadh	99/78/pc	103/81/pc
Rome	71/58/t	69/58/r
San Salvador	87/68/t	87/70/t
Santiago	65/47/pc	66/50/pc
Sarajevo	61/52/t	68/51/t
Seoul	81/59/pc	86/59/pc
Shanghai	100/70/pc	91/67/pc
Singapore	90/80/t	90/80/t
Stockholm	67/48/c	59/43/sh
Sydney	67/53/sh	71/57/s
Taipei City	86/71/c	89/72/pc
Tehran	79/49/s	75/55/s
Tokyo	68/58/r	75/62/pc
Toronto	74/50/s	73/38/pc
Vienna	64/49/t	61/51/sh
Warsaw	60/50/sh	69/51/c

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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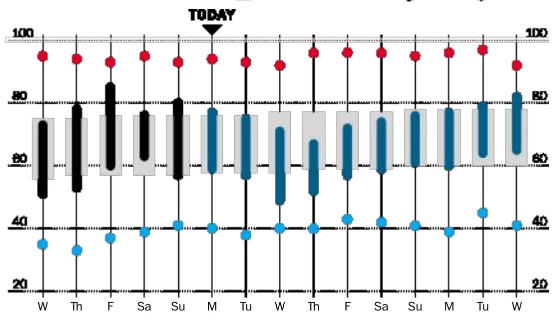
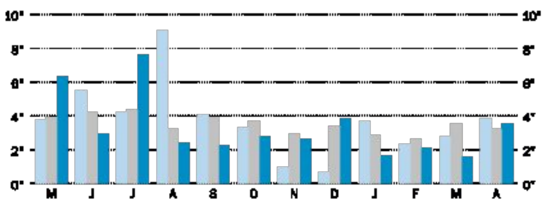


Statistics through 5 p.m. Sunday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**80°** 3:24 p.m.	**79°** 3:06 p.m.	**78°** 4:00 p.m.
Low	**57°** 6:00 a.m.	**54°** 4:24 a.m.	**58°** 3:50 a.m.
Normal	76°/57°	75°/52°	75°/53°
Record high	93° 1956	89° 2010	95° 1956
Record low	41° 1928	32° 2013	34° 2013

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.4°** yr. to date: **+4.2°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.04"	0.03"	0.04"
Total this month	0.26"	0.75"	0.40"
Normal	1.76"	2.06"	1.69"
Total this year	9.14"	9.25"	9.87"
Normal	13.95"	14.58"	15.07"

Moon Phases

May 19	May 27	June 3	June 10
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:56 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moon	3:51 a.m.	4:06 p.m.
Venus	8:39 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Mars	10:13 a.m.	12:54 a.m.
Jupiter	4:51 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Saturn	2:42 a.m.	1:39 p.m.

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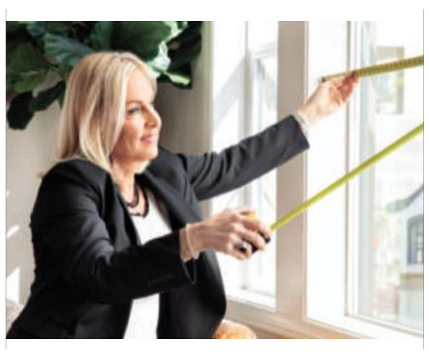

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"Nothing about this period of time, in the world or in the Indo-Pacific, calls for doing the same-old, same-old."
Rahm Emanuel, U.S. ambassador to Japan

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From Rahmbo to Rahm-bassador

Rahm Emanuel, known for being hard-charging, has managed to woo polite Japan in role as ambassador

BY **MICHELLE YE HEE LEE**
IN TOKYO

The former White House chief of staff and mayor of Chicago has taken an unusually hands-on, visible and outspoken approach to his role as U.S. ambassador to Japan.

Tokyo's Pride Parade is about to begin, and Rahm Emanuel, the American ambassador to Japan who's supposed to be kicking off the march, is buried somewhere inside the crowd.

LGBTQ rights activists are greeting him like a celebrity. Then he's spotted talking with U.S. Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.), a Japanese American and gay member of Congress who is in town for the event. But wasn't he just over there, chatting with a Japanese lawmaker?

If there's one word that describes Emanuel's approach to his new diplomatic incarnation, it's dynamic. And that dynamism will be on full display this weekend, when the Group of Seven summit takes place in Hiroshima and Emanuel will no doubt be everywhere.

Being ambassador to Japan is an important but typically cushy appointment, managing an alliance that has remained largely stable for seven decades and has been bestowed to political giants such as Caroline Kennedy, former vice president Walter Mondale and former Senate majority leader Howard Baker.

Yet for Emanuel, 63, his schedule here rivals his time as White House chief of staff or as mayor of Chicago. He has been an unusually hands-on, visible and outspoken American ambassador. The kind that Japan has never seen before.

By the time he came down the spiral staircase of his official residence shortly after 8 a.m. on a recent day that a Washington Post reporter spent with him, he'd already taken calls from U.S. officials before the East Coast evening. Those calls resume once he's done with his Japanese workday, when Washington, which is currently 13 hours behind Tokyo, wakes up.

Emanuel's nomination for the posting in 2021 grabbed headlines in Tokyo because he had the trifecta the Japanese government covets most in a U.S. ambassador: proximity to the president, congressional leadership and Democratic insiders.

But even as his close ties to the Biden administration were welcomed in Japan, his appointment still seemed like a mismatch. Emanuel is a famously hard-charging political operative whose reputation as "Rahmbo" was parodied in mostly bleeped-out "Saturday Night Live" sketches; Japan is so polite that

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Was Cleopatra Black? We're asking the wrong question.

BY **BETHONIE BUTLER**

NETFLIX
Adele James in "Queen Cleopatra." The show has drawn ire for its Black lead.

When it comes to Cleopatra, the enigmatic ruler whose political savvy — and romantic entanglements — have made her an endless source of fascination, Hollywood has never gotten it right.

Elizabeth Taylor's 1963 portrayal — for which she donned a braided wig and winged eyeliner — is as iconic as it was flawed. Angelina Jolie's potential casting in a long rumored but yet to be filmed biopic was met with backlash in 2019, as were subsequent rumors that Israeli actress Gal Gadot would take on the role. The consensus? Cleopatra, Queen of the Nile (as in Egypt, as in Africa), didn't look like any of them.

But when Netflix introduced Adele James, who is Black and biracial, as the ancient Egyptian monarch in a trailer for the docudrama "Queen Cleopatra," the criticism was particularly ardent. More like: Cleopatra *definitely* didn't look like *that*.

Cleopatra "had light skin and Hellenistic (Greek) features," per a statement from Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. Zahi Hawass, a prominent (and controversial) Egyptologist who twice served as the head of that agency, wrote in a column for Arab News that Cleopatra "was many things, and well deserving of having her story told to modern audiences, but one thing she most definitely was not was black."

"Queen Cleopatra," the second installment of the Jada Pinkett Smith-produced "African Queens" anthology, arrived Wednesday on Netflix and — despite the ongoing controversy over the docudrama's depiction of Egypt's last pharaoh — is not about whether Cleopatra was Black. The four-episode series follows her reign from 51 to 30 B.C. and features dramatized reenactments of her ascension to the throne following the death of her father, Ptolemy XII, her relationships with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, the downfall of the ancient Egypt's last dynasty and a handful of other milestones.

The scenes are interspersed with commentary from experts such as Shelley Haley, a retired professor of classics and Africana studies and consultant on the series, and Debora Heard, a PhD candidate in Nubian archaeology. The series details undisputed facts about Cleopatra, including the Macedonian-Greek descent of her father's line and that Greek was her first language, but it also makes clear there are things we don't definitively know about her, including the identity of her mother and whether her dalliances with Caesar — the father of her firstborn son — were romantic, strategic or both.

Or, consequently, her racial background.

In the first few minutes of the series, Haley recalls her grandmother telling her "I don't care what they tell you in school, Cleopatra was Black.'" Critics glommed on to the snippet after it appeared in the trailer. But, ultimately, Haley says in the series, "We don't know her exact racial heritage."

"She learned the Egyptian language. She practiced the Egyptian religion," Haley says in the docudrama. "She wants to be remembered as an Egyptian."

"Ancient Egyptians would have had a variety of different complexions, as we find in other African cultures today," adds Cleopatra scholar Sally-Ann Ashton, also featured in the series. "Given that Cleopatra represents herself as an Egyptian, it seems very strange that we insist on depicting her as a wholly European."

Heard calls Cleopatra a "chameleon" in that "she looks different depending on who it is that's depicting her." Islam Issa,

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MUSIC REVIEW

Noseda, NSO rock out to Beethoven, George Walker

BY **MICHAEL ANDOR BRODEUR**

When Howard at the front desk asks what I'm heading out to hear tonight, I tell him and his eyes light up.

"The seventh! That's the rock-and-roll one!" he says, and he does a micro-dance in his chair.

Howard is correct, and his sentiments about Beethoven's Seventh Symphony square neatly with those of Wagner, who famously dubbed it "the apotheosis of the dance." Either works.

The famous work felt especially plugged in on Friday night, when maestro Gianandrea Noseda and the National Symphony Orchestra resumed its "Beethoven & American Masters" series with powerful, rousing performances of Beethoven's Seventh and Eighth symphonies, as well as the compact colossus that is George Walker's 2016 Sinfonia No. 5, "Visions."

When last we left this series back in January 2022, Noseda had reached his own personal apotheosis of dance with a high-octane rendition of the Third ("Eroica") Symphony. It was an appropriately heroic interpretation that also seemed emblematic of a more fleet-footed, detail-driven, feather-ruffling approach to the cycle.

On Friday, the rock continued to roll, and rightly so. These two particular symphonies are what the kids would call bangers: aggressively rhythmic, wryly cocky, conspicuously concerned with delight.

Noseda opened the program with a brisk and vivacious take on the Eighth that sounded bigger than his orchestra's personnel of 45 musicians. He added

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Creativity reigns in 'Tears of the Kingdom'

BY **GENE PARK**

I built a cart out of wood, wheels and portable fans to navigate through a complex rail system and ferry the hero Link across an endless pit. It was like engineering a roller coaster with cardboard, duct tape and a prayer. It took me 45 minutes of failed inventions and a gradual understanding of the physics before I succeeded. When Link safely made it across, I cheered and proclaimed myself a genius. I felt like a NASA engineer celebrating a Mars landing. I create, therefore I progress.

In a modern media landscape dominated by the "creators," people communicating their ideas and desires in unique, singular methods, "The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom" fuses that philosophy of self-expression with the series' classic formula. This is a game that encourages players to build their own solutions.

I overcame almost every challenge by devising some weird concoction of gears and tools. Sometimes a complex puzzle was solved with a simple solution. There were many times where my answer to a challenge was, "I'll just build a really, really long bridge," and it almost

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BOOK WORLD
New memoir "Life B" gives hope to those with depression. **C3**

'THE GOOD DOCTOR'
People again debate the ABC show's portrayal of autism. **C4**

CAROLYN HAX
To husband, separate spending money is a "slippery slope." **C8**

ALEX HALEY
Author's reputation takes more damage after new discovery. **C3**

As ambassador, Emanuel is a 'breath of fresh air'

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it's considered too rude to tell someone a flat-out no. Emanuel can barely sit still; Japan prizes calm and orderliness.

Yet in his first 15 months, Japan has embraced Emanuel. In Japan, he's Rahm-san, his excellency, the "undiplomat" and a darling of Japanese Twitter.

"I'm a diplomat now. … It's a calmer Rahm Emanuel," he says with a grin, sitting in shirt sleeves in the garden of the ambassador's residence on a balmy Tokyo day. It's already 12:30 p.m., and he had not uttered a single offensive four-letter word, he notes. Not yet. "I mean, I do have a full day ahead of me."

His interpretation of the job is a signature mix of mayor, political operative, fundraiser and media hound.

Just as he rode the "L" regularly as mayor of Chicago, Emanuel takes the subway around Tokyo. This has endeared him to the Japanese public, which has never seen a U.S. ambassador who prefers public transportation over being chauffeured, and earned him the nickname "tetsu-ota," or train geek.

He stands out in other ways, too.

It wasn't until he'd been here for six months that Emanuel, who talks with his hands but is half a finger short (it was cut off by a meat slicer while he worked at Arby's as a teen), learned that a missing digit gives off an ominous vibe in Japan. This is because the yakuza, or the mob, is known for amputating fingers (although usually pinkies) as punishment.

Emanuel and his wife, Amy Rule, have taken to Japan, especially the food scene. They like to explore cocktail bars and restaurants, including casual izakaya bars and food courts in the basements of Tokyo department stores and Michelin-starred eateries.

He misses spicy food — most Japanese food is mild — but says he's learned that Japanese cuisine is "so much more complex" than simply sushi. (Although, he adds, he can't get enough of the sprawling fish and food markets.)

When it comes to alliance matters, Emanuel has his hands in seemingly every issue, including tasks that typically wouldn't involve an ambassador. He's making calls, negotiating prices, giving political messaging tips to Japanese officials and reinforcing the alliance, especially if it's in a way that will catch China's attention.

"I call him the chief of staff to Japan-U.S. relations," said a high-ranking Japanese official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. "Forcefulness is not something that we are used to in Japanese culture, but in this case, it's very effective."

Like all long-term relationships, the United States and Japan have had their ups and downs. At one of those low points, like the trade dispute in the 1980s, an aggressive ambassador may have only flared tensions.

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TOP: Rahm Emanuel, right, holds a meeting at his official residence in Tokyo. RIGHT: Emanuel talks with children gathered at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. "You've got to reimagine, or redefine, diplomacy," Emanuel says.

But right now, the alliance is on an upswing. The Biden administration is leaning into Japan to help counter Russia, China and North Korea. Wary of the same threats, Japan dramatically expanded its foreign policy footprint, walking in lockstep with America and the West.

"Nothing about this period of time, in the world or in the Indo-Pacific, calls for doing the same-old, same-old," Emanuel said. "You've got to reimagine, or redefine, diplomacy."

It's not been without blips, however, such as when he recently breached protocol by accidentally dialing the South Korean prime minister, whom he's known for a decade and had just seen in Seoul, rather than the South Korean ambassador to Japan to discuss Tokyo-Seoul relations.

Emanuel says he's aware he's not a cookie-cutter ambassador.

"I come in color," he said, adding that he didn't take up the post just to attend meetings and write memos. "But also, times call for doing something different. … The goal is to put points on the board, get results."

So far, those new points have included rolling back Trump-era steel tariffs, arranging the U.S. airlift of 38 tons of Japanese nonlethal equipment to Ukraine, coordinating with Japan on its record-high defense spending hike and facilitating Panasonic's $4 billion deal with Kansas to build a new electric vehicle battery plant for Tesla.

But there are two issues where Emanuel has taken a particularly activist approach, both in public and behind closed doors. He is pushing for major economies to form an "anti-coercion coalition" to counter the Chinese and is advocating for the legalization of same-sex marriage in Japan — both issues that are under close watch ahead of the G-7 summit.

On this particular day, like so many days, China is at the top of the morning's agenda. A meeting with a venture capital firm. A speech to attentive students at Sophia University. The theme: how the United States and allies can counter Chinese economic coercion.

He's channeled his political fundraising skills toward raising money for university programs to train Japanese engineers on quantum computing and semiconductor technology, so Japan can support the United States in one of its races against China.

In the afternoon, Emanuel's other core interest — same-sex marriage — is on his agenda. Over lunch and coffee meetings, he asks Japanese lawmakers about the political jockeying over a potential bill supporting LGBTQ equality and how he, a longtime advocate of LGBTQ rights, can help.

Japan is the only G-7 country not to recognize same-sex marriages, even though about 71 percent of the public supports it. Those who oppose it are in the minority, but they're vocal — both in the Japanese national assembly and online, where opponents have criticized Emanuel's outspoken efforts to bring about change: "Please do your LGBT activities only in the United States. Please don't bring the despicable culture to Japan," one tweet reads. "Please stop interfering," reads another.

But Emanuel is used to criticism and is standing firm, noting that the majority of the Japanese public is on his side and that gay rights is a priority of the Biden administration. "Advocating for LGBTQ rights has been my whole life, full stop," he said.

It's not clear yet whether either of these efforts will come to fruition. But for now, Japanese officials say his rhetoric on China — Japan's largest trading partner — is working for them.

Seiji Kihara, deputy chief cabinet secretary, said Japan needed to take a "very balanced position" on China, which is not only its biggest trading partner but also a regional heavyweight.

"We have to say what we have to [say] to China, but at the same time, we need to make very steady and constructive relations," Kihara said in an interview. "Rahm represents one part of our position, and I think it's helpful. Sometimes a bit too outspoken, but nevertheless, the benefit is bigger than the damage."

Japanese officials and foreign diplomats say Emanuel's directness and political savvy have helped him gain the trust of senior Japanese government officials, his counterparts and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who, in a statement, called him "honest, forthright and truthful."

Kurt Campbell, President Biden's coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, said Emanuel has been effective in the role because, in addition to foreign policy, national security and local politics, he knows the "universal truths of what it takes to be successful as a politician."

"He is relentless, inventive. He's a challenge sometimes, for sure. He speaks his mind. But he's quite effective. He's a complete breath of fresh air," Campbell said.

Decades in politics have helped his transition to ambassadorial life, Emanuel said: understanding what people need, building trust and making personal connections, despite language or cultural differences.

"There's no doubt the kind of skills you need in politics are not really different than in the diplomatic world," he said. "It's about knowing human relationships."

Julia Mio Inuma in Tokyo and Ellen Nakashima in Washington contributed to this report.

Noseda, NSO keep the rock rolling with 'Beethoven & American Masters' series

MUSIC REVIEW FROM C1

more than a little extra brio to the first movement ("Allegro vivace e con brio"), answering its bold entrance with gentle woodwinds, hinting at a through-line of good humor.

I've come to really enjoy Noseda's willingness to play with volume — and I do mean "play" in the sense of using something to have fun with it. Some have confided to me an unease with the maestro's charges through proverbial china shops. (I received more than a few crumple-faced emails after Noseda's Fifth.) To me, it just feels like he is matching Beethoven's energy.

Thus the mischief of the Allegretto scherzando was made more mischievous, its huffy pace and hushed dialogues of oboes and flutes interrupted by scrubby strings. Noseda seemed to physically delight in navigating the movement, especially the nonchalant way its ending ghosts. The third movement ("Tempo di menuetto") was grand and graceful, its melodies marvelously drawn by the strings, especially rich the cellos. The interlude of horns and clarinet was especially beautiful.

And the final Allegro vivace was gripping, Beethoven at his most charming and churlish. Its racing strings, darting winds and swift accents were all kept in gleefully teetering check, its breathless tempo smartly punctuated by Jauvon Gilliam's timpani. It's final tempestuous minute was a precisely crafted thrill — especially the cheeky punchline passage of octaves, and that clobbering closing.

At first glance, Walker's Sinfonia No. 5, "Visions" might seem out of place on such a lighthearted program.

In his final work, Walker composed the Sinfonia as a protest against violence done to Black parishioners of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church fatally shot by a white supremacist in Charleston, S.C., in 2015. The composer died in 2018 at age 96, a year before "Visions" was premiered by the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

But as this series has effectively shown in previous pairings of Beethoven and Walker, the two composers have much to talk about. If the shadow of Beethoven is present, it's because Walker has cut it into pieces and tiled them into a mosaic of sharp edges and high contrast. Like the Seventh and the Eighth, Walker's No. 5 traffics in kinetic rhythm, shocking turns of tone and color, sudden floods of garish light.

The number of musicians onstage doubled to 90 for Walker — and the chilling strings and blast of low brass that open the work suggest something bigger than its 15 minutes could possibly contain. Musically, it feels like a series of exclamations, a procession of cries, a sequence of troubling memories. A few outbursts of piano feel like Walker himself storming in to remind us how the machinery of American violence obscures the humanity of Black grief.

Soprano Shana Oshiro, tenor DeMarcus Bolds, bass Kevin Thompson and bass-baritones Daniel J. Smith and V Savoy McIlwain filed into the chorister seats to deliver the fragments of spoken text mapped across the Sinfonia. Although it may have been impractical or impossible to have the speakers appear onstage with so many musicians, this alternative was acoustically unfortunate. The voices sounded cartoonishly boomy through the sound system and disproportionate with the orchestra, the volume drowning out the delicate instrumentation below. It's a problem worth fixing, considering how otherwise vivid this performance was.

In December 1813, Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Antonio Salieri and Giacomo Meyerbeer (on bass drum) were among the illustrious musicians in the orchestra for the premiere of Beethoven's Seventh. The concert was a benefit for soldiers wounded at Hanau that also featured the premiere of the composer's "Battle Symphony" (a.k.a. "Wellington's Victory"). Many consider this to be the concert that confirmed to Beethoven's contemporaries that his early laurels were well earned. (Though plenty still took shots at his conducting, which German composer Louis Spohr once described as "uncertain and often laughable.")

Sans any sporadic shouts to boost the forte, descriptions of Beethoven's performance from the podium that evening aren't far removed from what we heard Friday at the Kennedy Center. An animated Noseda threw his intermission-charged body into the Seventh, which burst open into cool woodwinds and gathering strings and went airborne from there. He crafted lovely depth and dimension into the movement, the peaks and valleys (or nooks and crannies) of which too often get paved over, but were brilliantly lit by the orchestra — whittled down to 54.

SCOTT SUCHMAN

Gianandrea Noseda conducts the National Symphony Orchestra on Friday. The performance included Beethoven's Seventh and Eighth symphonies, as well as George Walker's Sinfonia No. 5, "Visions."

The second movement — a curveball Allegretto that went over well enough at the premiere to be encored — was satisfying and sturdy, with Noseda gradually stoking momentum with the second violins as though opening the flue of a chimney.

The presto of the third was kept extra-presto, with beguiling feints (or faints?) of volume in the repeating theme of the strings. It slackened and loosened and reveled in an overblown elegance that seemed like an orchestral grin.

And together they barreled into the finale ("Allegro con brio"), Noseda conjuring delicious accents from the brass, coaxing a lithe duo from the flutes, clearing a quiet space for languid oboes (a trap!) and building to a boisterous climax.

For lack of a better word, or maybe it's the best one — it rocked.

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Critics are applying modern racial attitudes to ancient civilization, experts say

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whose forthcoming book examines the enduring influence of ancient Alexandria, says "the appeal of Cleopatra is … that everyone can imagine her in their own way." "I imagine her to have curly hair like me and a similar skin color," he says in the docuseries.

The backlash to the series has been frustrating for scholars such as Haley, who said in a Zoom interview with The Washington Post that those criticizing the docuseries are "applying our racial constructs to the ancient world, and that is anachronistic."

Issa, the only expert of Egyptian descent featured in the docudrama, echoed that sentiment in an opinion piece for Al-Jazeera. "With the exception of Jews, ethnicities weren't really recorded in early Egyptian history," he wrote. "In Alexandria especially, there was no normative race: genetic makeup was varied as people from across the region, from Europeans to Nubians, lived and married on its lands."

NETFLIX

Cleopatra (Adele James), Mark Antony (Craig Russell) and their children in "Queen Cleopatra." Experts are frustrated by backlash about the Jada Pinkett Smith-produced show, saying that our contemporary ideas about race are anachronistic to the era of the docudrama.

Pinkett Smith told Netflix's companion website, Tudum, that the goal of "African Queens" — which launched earlier this year with a look at the 17th century ruler Njinga — was to share underrepresented stories about "historical women who were so powerful and were the backbones of African nations."

"We don't often get to see or hear stories about Black queens, and that was really important for me, as well as for my daughter, and just for my community to be able to know those stories because there are tons of them," Pinkett Smith said.

Haley has seen a lot of onscreen depictions of Cleopatra, which range from Theda Bara in the silent film era to Taylor's indelible turn to TV adaptations such as the Royal Shakespeare Company's "Antony and Cleopatra," which starred Janet Suzman as the monarch.

The docudrama, Haley said, "does a good of emphasizing certain aspects of Cleopatra that haven't been emphasized — the fact that she was a mother, the fact that she could raise an army to take back her rightful place on the throne. In every way, the series emphasizes Cleopatra's agency."

The other main difference? In most cinematic depictions, the actress playing her is almost always White.

Greg Carr, an associate professor of Africana studies at Howard University, said "anti-Blackness is the framework" for much of the discourse around Cleopatra and how she should be depicted.

She is mainly "an object of fascination to Europe — to Greece, to Rome — and to the stitched-together history of quote-unquote Western civilization," Carr said. "That's why she is the best known of the Egyptian rulers. She's virtually irrelevant to the long history of Egypt."

Carr, who was not involved in the docudrama, said casting Cleopatra as a Black woman "has everything to do with contemporary attitudes towards race and conversations about race and very little to do with Cleopatra, whose [full] parentage is lost to history — we just don't know."

In a guest column for Variety, the show's director, Tina Gharavi, said her research on the Hellenistic-era queen — who she writes "was eight generations away" from her Ptolemaic ancestors — led her to realize "what a political act it would be to see Cleopatra portrayed by a Black actress."

"Genetic makeup was varied as people from across the region, from Europeans to Nubians, lived and married on its lands."

Islam Issa, author and historian

The director noted that portrayals of Cleopatra have flouted the historical record. "The HBO series 'Rome' portrayed one of the most intelligent, sophisticated and powerful women in the world as a sleazy, dissipated drug addict, yet Egypt didn't seem to mind," Gharavi wrote. "Where was the outrage then? But portraying her as Black? Well."

Current and former government officials have said their main objection is to the "documentary" labeling of "Queen Cleopatra." They have insisted their objections to the docudrama are not racist, citing statues of Cleopatra as evidence of her non-Black heritage. But as historians have pointed out over the years, the few historical sources we do have on Cleopatra and other ancient leader are subject to bias. Plutarch, whose widely translated biographies of Caesar and other Roman and Greek leaders have informed modern takes on Cleopatra, wrote long after his subjects died.

"That in itself is problematic because it's hugely biased. It's not even the life of Cleopatra — she's embedded in the life of Julius Caesar, in the life of Mark Antony," Haley said. "In Plutarch's world, she doesn't even warrant a life of her own."

James, the actress who portrays Cleopatra in the docudrama, has been subject to racist vitriol since the trailer dropped last month. Sharing news of the forthcoming series on Instagram, the British actress wrote "I don't know if there are words powerful enough to express what I hope this will mean for young people all over the world who look like me (and who don't!), who will now get to grow up seeing the greatest leader of all time … being portrayed by a black-mixed woman on one of the biggest streaming services in the world!"

Netflix, of course, isn't new to controversy around ethnically ambiguous monarchs who are unapologetically portrayed as Black. "Queen Charlotte," the "Bridgerton" prequel that premiered on the streamer May 4, opens with a pointed disclaimer: "This is a story about Queen Charlotte from 'Bridgerton.' It is not a history lesson. It is fiction based on fact."

Though "Queen Cleopatra" is billed as a documentary series, it features an easy-to-miss disclaimer at the bottom of each episode's credits noting that while the series is "based on true events" some "characters and situations have been altered for dramatization purposes."

RETROPOLIS

With MLK and Malcolm X revelations, Alex Haley's legacy takes another hit

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL

No one can deny Alex Haley's impact on America. He is one of the best-selling African American authors in history. He won a special Pulitzer Prize for his seminal book, "Roots: The Saga of an American Family."

More than 130 million people watched the 1977 TV miniseries based on the book; for many, it was their first exposure to the true horrors of American slavery. A statue in Annapolis, Md., depicts him reading to children; the U.S. Coast Guard even has a cutter named after him.

But Haley's work has also been marred by claims of plagiarism and inaccuracy. On Wednesday, another chapter opened in that story, when author Jonathan Eig revealed to The Washington Post he had discovered a full transcript of Haley's landmark interview with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., revealing dramatic differences in what King actually said about fellow civil rights leader Malcolm X and what was published. It calls into question Haley's entire body of work, including "The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley," Eig said.

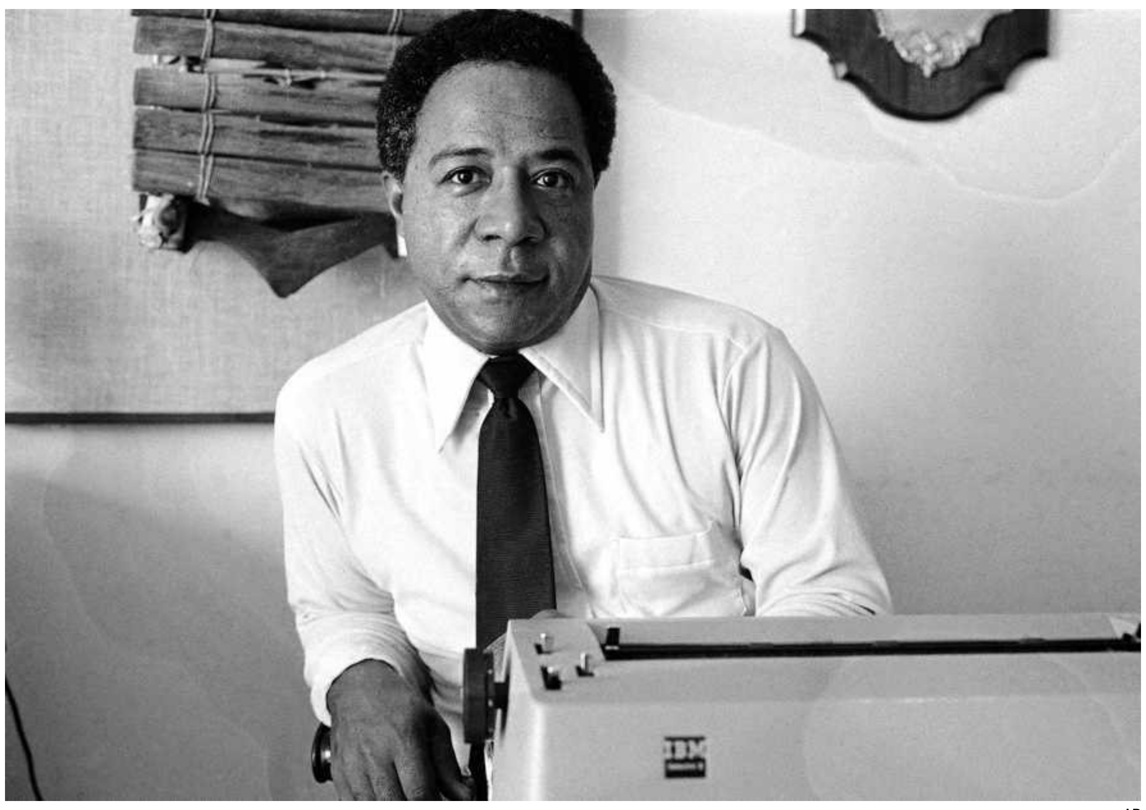
Here is a look at some of the other controversies.

First, a brief biography: Born in Upstate New York and raised in a small town in Tennessee, Haley spent 20 years in the Coast Guard before embarking on a journalism career, working mostly with Reader's Digest and Playboy.

After the Malcolm X book, Haley became a popular speaker on the lecture circuit, and often told audiences of his quest to track down his family's roots all the way to Africa.

By the time he finished writing "Roots," the miniseries based on it was already being filmed, according to the podcast "One Year: 1977." The book was an enormous success, though book reviewers and booksellers were confused about whether to classify it as fiction or nonfiction. Haley didn't help matters with his insistence that while the dialogue was imagined it was all factually correct; he called it "faction." The last few chapters of the book described his research methods, including a trip to a Gambian village where a griot — an oral historian and storyteller — confirmed the kidnap of his ancestor Kunta Kinte from the village of Juffure.

Historians like Donald Wright and journalists like Mark Ottaway have cast doubt on many of his factual claims. The griot Haley spoke with was not actually a griot and may have been repeating Haley's claims back to him. At the time Kinte was allegedly kidnapped, traders of enslaved people were not kidnapping people from Juffure, then part of the kingdom of Niumi. On the other side of the Atlantic, researchers have found records of Toby — the enslaved man Haley believed to be Kinte — living in the United States years before Haley said Kinte arrived on a specific ship. Toby also died years before Haley said Toby's daughter Kizzie was born.



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Alex Haley in his San Fransisco apartment in 1974. Before questions about his interview with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Haley faced claims of plagiarism and inaccuracy in his book "Roots."

Little of this would matter if Haley had not been so insistent on the book's truthfulness. Indeed, a huge part of its appeal was that Haley had allegedly done something that few other Black Americans had been able to do: trace his family all the way back to Africa.

There was a bigger problem with the book, too. In 1977, two writers sued Haley claiming significant portions of "Roots" were plagiarized from their novels. The lawsuit from Margaret Walker, author of the 1966 novel "Jubilee," was eventually thrown out, but Haley ultimately paid a huge settlement to Harold Courlander and admitted that passages of Courlander's 1967 novel "The African" had "found their way" into "Roots."

Which brings us to Haley's first book, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley." Though classified as an autobiography, it was actually written by Haley, based on more than 50 interviews conducted between 1963 and 1965. Many autobiographies have ghostwriters who do the bulk of the actual writing — Prince Harry's "Spare" being a recent example — but every word of ghostwritten manuscripts are, in general, approved by the subject. In Haley's case, Malcolm X had been assassinated and so could not have approved — or disapproved — of the book.

In his 2011 Pulitzer-winning biography, "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention," historian Manning Marable concluded Haley's more moderate views influenced much of the book. Marable found that several chapters about Malcolm X's philosophy had been deleted, and that there were "numerous inconsistencies with names, dates and facts." Haley sent Malcolm X a note urging him to make a childhood story "more gripping," and he sent several notes to his editors calling Malcolm X a "demagogue" — the exact word Haley appears to have fabricated in his contemporaneous interview with King."

"In many ways, the published book is more Haley's than its author's," Marable wrote.

BOOK WORLD

Living with depression is hard. A new memoir, 'Life B,' gives a glimpse of hope.

BY STEVEN PETROW

While I was reading Bethanne Patrick's memoir, "Life B," I happened to receive an email message from a woman I don't know.

LIFE B
Overcoming Double Depression
By Bethanne Patrick
Counterpoint. 208 pp. $26

She contacted me because she had read some of I what I've written about my lifelong challenges with clinical depression. She told me that she, too, had major depression disorder, a diagnosis made nearly 20 years ago. "Sen. John Fetterman's story is inspirational," she wrote, "but as a single working mom, admitting myself to the hospital for a month isn't a real option." Hearing about celebrities who admit to having a hard time but "are better now" is equally unrealistic, she added.

Patrick's story is a different kind of depression story. In this slim volume, Patrick, a book critic, author and host of the "Missing Pages" podcast, courageously reveals her lifelong challenge with depression. It began, she writes, as a fog that descended in her early teens and has, in the many decades since, never abated. She describes her childhood as being "sad and maladjusted … alternately sleeping and weeping." It is painful reading, full stop — made worse, for me, because her coming of age mirrors mine. It's fair to say we both grew up in "bleak house."

In a similar vein, it wasn't until Patrick hit her 50s, married and the mother of two daughters, that she finally received a correct diagnosis: double depression. Double depression is the combination of persistent depressive disorder, a chronic form of depression that is present most days, and major depressive disorder, long referred to as clinical depression, which makes it nearly impossible to function or maintain hope.

Patrick eventually found a skilled and empathetic psychiatrist who understood her. When he heard the depth of her despair, he started her on a new set of medications that opened a much more stable chapter in her life. Patrick makes clear that he didn't hand her a cure but rather the tools for living with her illness, which included a realistic understanding of her condition as a lifelong one and the importance of being open about her diagnosis.

Just as someone might use insulin to control diabetes to make it a more manageable disease, Patrick found the right meds to help her become more stable mentally as well as a skilled professional who took a more extensive family and social history than she'd ever experienced before, giving credence, yet again, to the importance of shopping around for the best health care. It's what I've come to understand as a new normal, by which I mean, living with a chronic illness called depression. A therapist of mine once described life on medication as "living in the middle." No extreme highs, but no extreme lows — a trade-off I am happy to make, considering what I've previously experienced.

MICHELLE LINDSAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Bethanne Patrick's memoir is a candid account of depression.

Much as I admired this book, I did have a couple of quibbles. Patrick's choice of "Life B" as a title is a reference to a typical eye exam. ("Which is better? A or B?") Life A is blurry and fuzzy; Life B is clear and sharp. It strikes me a bit as meaning second rate, like a B movie, which I'm certain is not her aim. And although one of Patrick's gifts to us is her honesty, at times the book felt repetitive and too one-note. But these are small complaints for an author who is brave and who has diligently pursued a better future for herself and her two daughters. And, at the same time, provides many more of us with a positive road map of how to live with and transcend the limitations of mental illness.

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TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS

JACK ZEMAN/FOX

9-1-1 (Fox at 8) In the Season 6 finale, freeway car accidents cause an overpass collapse that endangers the lives of civilians and the 118.

Antiques Roadshow (PBS at 8) A 1791 Jane Young world map needlework, an Albert Einstein collection and Carlo Giuliano earrings and necklace circa 1890 are appraised.

Below Deck Sailing Yacht (Bravo at 8) In hopes of turning the charter around, Captain Glenn takes the guests sailing; Lucy makes a mistake with a guest's garment; chef Ileisha struggles to get the timing right and leaves guests waiting too long between courses, so Glenn gives her honest feedback.

The Neighborhood (CBS at 8) Dave's estranged father arrives in town to reconnect, causing Dave to learn the truth about why he disappeared 30 years earlier; Marty struggles with having to fire an employee who isn't performing well.

NCIS (CBS at 9) The team investigates encounters with Russian spies.

Summer House (Bravo at 9) A yacht day is in the works, but Carl and Lindsay don't seem to be excited about the adventure; a message forces Mya to rethink her relationship with Oliver.

Independent Lens: Silent Beauty (PBS at 10) A woman's road to healing from sexual abuse evolves into a family journey through generational trauma and more.

NCIS: Hawai'i (CBS at 10) The death of a former MI6 agent uncovers secrets from Tennant's past, forcing her to track down the person responsible.

PREMIERES

Street Outlaws: Locals Only (Discovery at 8) Farmtruck and AZN recruit local racers to compete for $5,000 and the chance to go up against a Street Outlaw.

Summer Baking Championship (Food at 9) Ten bakers work to impress the judges with their tasty creations; in this episode, host Jesse Palmer challenges the bakers to make cakes with gelatin water features.

FINALE

All American (CW at 8) Changes are on the horizon for the group; the future is bound to be influenced by the past.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/15/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ **The Voice** (Live)				♦ **That's My Jam** (SF)		♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **9-1-1** (SF)		♦ **TMZ-Britney Spears**		♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **Jeopardy! Masters**		♦ **American Idol**				♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **News**	♦ **ET**	♦ **Neighbor**	♦ **Bob Heart**	♦ **NCIS**		♦ **NCIS: Hawai'i**		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Perdona nuestros**		♦ **El amor invencible**		♦ **Mujer** (P)		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ **FamFeud**	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ **FamFeud**	♦ FamFeud	♦ Big Bang	♦ Big Bang	♦ Law & Order: SVU	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ **Connection**	♦ Collectibles	♦ **Antiques Roadshow**		♦ Afropop: Cultural		♦ **Independent Lens**			♦ **Amanpour**
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ **Antiques Roadshow**		♦ **Out-Town**	♦ WETA Arts	♦ **Independent Lens**			♦ **Amanpour**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ Veterans in	♦ Dance Party		♦ Dmv-The Beat		♦ American Masters			♦ Seat-Table
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ **All American** (SF)		♦ The Flash		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI	

CABLE CHANNELS

Channel	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(6:00) Movie: Beverly Hill...		Movie: Ghostbusters ★★★ (1984)					Movie: Ghostbusters II ★★ (1989)		
Animal Planet	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
BET	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Movie: Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ★★ (2008)					Martin
Bravo	**Below Deck Sailing Yacht**		**Below Deck Sailing Yacht**		**Summer House**		**WatchWhat**	(:45) Below Deck		(:45) Summer
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
Discovery	Street Outlaws		**Street Outlaws** (P)		(:10) **Street Outlaws**		(:15) Motor Mythbusters		(:15) **Motor Mythbusters**	
Disney	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays	Movie: Cinderella ★★★ (2015)				Hamster &	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**E! News**	Saved by Bell
ESPN	**SportsCenter** (Live)		**NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA (Live)					**NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA		
ESPN2	30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		**SportsCenter** (Live)	
Food Network	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	**Summer Baking Championship** (P)				Chopped	
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**	
Freeform	(6:30) Movie: Big Daddy ★ (1999)			Movie: The Proposal ★★ (2009)					The 700 Club	
FX	Movie: Kingsman: The Golden Circle ★★ (2017)						Movie: I, Robot ★★ (2004)			
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Sand Dollar ...		Movie: A Taste of Summer (2019)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: At Home in Mitford (2017)				Movie: The Irresistible Blueberry Farm (2016)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(:05) Movie: Horrible Bosses 2 ★★ (2014)				**White House Plumbers**		Succession		(:10) White	
HGTV	Celebrity IOU		**Celebrity IOU**		**Renovation Wild**		(:05) **Hunters**	(:35) **Hunt Intl**	(:05) Hunters	(:35) Hunters
History	(6:00) D.B. Cooper		History's-Mysteries		**History's-Mysteries**		(:05) History's Greatest Mysteries			
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli & Isles	
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** Los Angeles Angels at Baltimore Orioles				**O's Xtra**	Ballgame	World Poker Tour		Bensinger	Sports Stars
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**R. Maddow** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**Ridiculous**	Ridiculous	**Ridiculous**	**Ridiculous**	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	(6:50) The'90s	(:50) **A Small Light**			**A Small Light**				(:15) A Small Light	
NBC SportsNet WA	(6:30) 106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies							Fairways of Life		Triton Poker
Nickelodeon	Danger Force	Erin & Aaron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie					Movie		
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: Robin Hood ★ (2018)				Movie: Troy ★★★ (2004)					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**American**	American	American	American
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Stop Me Bef...		Movie: He Ran All the Way ★★★ (1951)			Movie: Sweet Smell of Success ★★★			(:15) Movie: Bell, Book & ...	
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		**90 Day Fiancé**		**You, Me & My Ex**		**90 Day Fiancé**		Match Me Abroad	
TNT	Movie: The Meg ★★ (2018)					(:25) Movie: Rampage ★★ (2018)				Movie
Travel	(6:00) Mysteries- Unk.		**Mysteries of the Unknown**				Mysteries of the Unknown			
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Movie: Game Night ★★★ (2018)			
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fatal Attraction		**Fatal Attraction**		**ATL Homicide**		Fatal Attraction	
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		**WWE Monday Night RAW** (Live)						**Race to Survive: Alaska**	
VH1	Black Ink Crew		**Black Ink Crew**		**Black Ink Crew: Compton**		American Gangster		Black Ink Crew	
WNC8	**Your Voice**		7News at 6	Cleaning!	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Home	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition. Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor. No stars: not rated

'The Good Doctor' memes go viral, reigniting debate about autism portrayal

BY MARISA IATI

The doctor's voice rises each time he repeats the sentence, crescendoing into a scream by the eighth repetition.

"I am a surgeon!" Shaun Murphy yells at his chief of surgery, who had boxed him out of helping with a procedure.

The encounter, a scene from ABC's "The Good Doctor," went viral in some corners of the internet last week, with social media users mocking its intensity. Viewer reactions and the resulting memes reignited conversations about how the show, which just finished its sixth season, portrays its autistic protagonist.

Among experts and advocates for autistic people, opinions are mixed. Some said the character of Murphy, played by Freddie Highmore, is depicted as an unfortunate assemblage of stereotypical behaviors, rather than as a full human. Others felt the protagonist fairly represents some autistic adults but offers no insight into the experiences of many others. Several called on ABC to employ more autistic screenwriters to make the show more authentic.

The stakes are high: A 2019 study found that watching one episode of "The Good Doctor" resulted in more accurate knowledge of autism than a college lecture on the subject. The show averaged more than 7 million viewers in the 2021-2022 season, ranking 27th among network TV series.

Mary Doherty, founder of Autistic Doctors International, said the show's significant reach means it has a responsibility to demonstrate to neurotypical people that autistic people can succeed in medicine.

"It's just a sense of missed opportunity," said Doherty, an anesthesiologist whose organization represents more than 700 autistic medical doctors. "Because that potential for good representation has just been lost, and it's a shame."

"The real world is not having autistic people that are all like Shaun Murphy."

Lawrence Fung, director of the Stanford Neurodiversity Project

To Lydia Brown, senior adviser at Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network, Murphy is a "cardboard cutout of what people believe an autistic person should be like" — with his existence as the show's gimmick. As a result, Brown said, "The Good Doctor" reinforces false stereotypes that autistic people can't form meaningful relationships, understand boundaries or treat others respectfully.

In one scene, a convenience-store robber asks Murphy to show his hands and then to relinquish his wallet. Murphy responds that he can't because the wallet is in his pocket and "you can't see my hands" if he reaches for it. Unnerved, the robber fires a shot that injures someone.

That literality is stereotypical, Brown said. While they said some autistic people may not understand what's happening during a robbery, most have learned to be hyper-attuned to the dynamics around them for their own safety.

In Brown's view, characters that are coded as autistic without that fact being explicitly stated — such as Chidi Anagonye on "The Good Place" or Gregory House on "House" — tend to be truer to life.

"To humanize a character, whether or not you explicitly label them as autistic, is to think, 'Why do they act the way they do?'" Brown said.

Lawrence Fung, director of the Stanford Neurodiversity Project, expressed appreciation for the show's depiction of an autistic person contributing positively to society and said some scenes are reasonable representations of autism. Murphy becoming overwhelmed by the fluorescent light and noises in a hospital room might ring true for some autistic people, Fung said. But he added that the character embodies only one way autistic people might act.

"The real world is not having autistic people that are all like Shaun Murphy," Fung said.

Among the show's strengths is its depiction of the discrimination that autistic health-care workers often experience, said Doherty, of Autistic Doctors International. In the pilot episode, a board votes not to hire Murphy because he's autistic; the group later reverses its decision.

But the show creates the false impression that all autistic people are savants like Murphy, Doherty said, when only a small percentage of autistic people actually have that trait. She said it should portray how autistic people attempt to "mask" their autism to fit into predominantly neurotypical environments. Most are much better communicators than Murphy and don't behave nearly as inappropriately, she said.

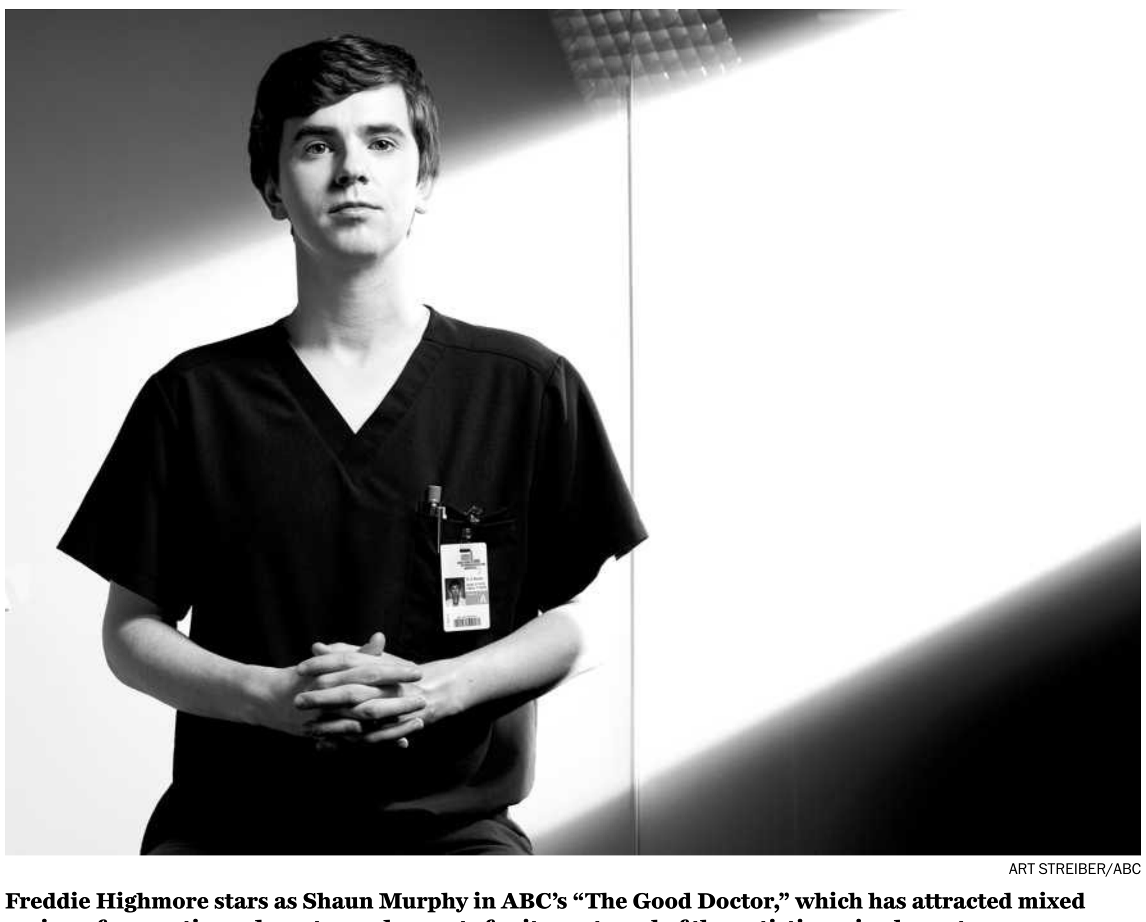
"It's really important to show that autistic doctors are really effective," Doherty said. "And the strengths that autistic doctors bring to medicine are really important."

Another "Good Doctor" clip that went viral last week shows Murphy as unable to understand the concept of transgender people. The portrayal is unrealistic given that in reality, many autistic people are transgender, said journalist Sara Luterman, who has written about her perspective on the show as an autistic person.

More broadly, she said, "The Good Doctor" promotes the harmful idea that autistic people have to be exceptional to be accepted. The show makes clear that Murphy works at the hospital because he's a genius, even though much of his behavior is unprofessional, said Luterman, a reporter at the 19th who has covered neurodiversity.

Although Luterman felt fairly positively about the show when it first aired, she said she no longer considers it worth watching.

"Since then, there have been better shows that have better, fuller, more realistic shows of autistic people in them," she said. "And I don't feel like I have to dig for the good nuggets in imperfect representation anymore."



ART STREIBER/ABC

Freddie Highmore stars as Shaun Murphy in ABC's "The Good Doctor," which has attracted mixed reviews from autism advocates and experts for its portrayal of the autistic main character.

Why do people offer excuses for bad behavior — then say they're not excuses?

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: Several people of my acquaintance are in the habit of offering a rationale for poor behavior, quickly followed by, "But that's not an excuse." For example: "I'm sorry I lost my temper and dumped that bowl of egg salad on your head. Work has just been so stressful lately, and I'm not getting much sleep. But that's not an excuse!"

Well, if it's not an excuse, what is it? How should one respond to what seems like an attempt to have it both ways?

It is called extenuating circumstances. Or throwing oneself on the mercy of the court.

But, as you point out, it is not an excuse, and you need not accept it as one. Miss Manners would permit you to say sadly, "No, I'm afraid you are right: It is not an excuse."

Dear Miss Manners: In my youth, I was taught how to dance. I was also taught that your escort was always your partner for the first and last dances. It signaled to others that this is the person with whom you arrived, and with whom you are leaving.

I love dancing. My husband does not. It was all I could do to get him to move in circles for one song at my nieces' weddings. The dilemma is that we will soon be attending a concert by a band that encourages dancing in the aisles during shows. I would be more than happy to dance alone or with any partner, but I also want to prevent insult to my husband.

Would I be wrong to follow my love of dance and leave my husband in his seat for most of the concert?

Your husband has a choice: Dance, or look up occasionally and smile proudly at how delightfully you dance. Miss Manners would consider it an insult to your marriage to believe that he would begrudge you some innocent enjoyment that he does not care to share.

Dear Miss Manners: As I've gotten older, I attend more "celebrations of life" and "family remembrances." I can usually navigate these gatherings with a minimal number of etiquette faux pas. However, I am at a loss for how to respond to the following comment: "He/She is better off now."

I have so many responses whirling around in my mind when I hear this, but none seems appropriate. Smiling and nodding does not seem right, either. I do not believe in an afterlife, for whatever that's worth.

"Well, we are not better off. I feel the loss very much."

This is not to say that Miss Manners believes in getting into theological debates at funerals, or that she fails to acknowledge that people often make remarks that may be cruel or stupid when they believe that they are offering comfort. She offers this reply in the hope that offenders will understand how smug it is to declare that anyone is better off dead.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Monday through Saturday on *washingtonpost.com/advice*. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, *missmanners.com*. You can also follow her @RealMissManners.

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Americans are smuggling Fruit Roll-Ups into Israel because of a TikTok trend

BY EMILY HEIL

You might usually think of Fruit Roll-Ups, those leathery, jammy snacks, as something you might find in a school lunch box. But now they're being discovered in a more unexpected spot: in the luggage and boxes of American smugglers reportedly attempting to sneak tens of thousands of them into Israel.

Two American couples this month were found trying to move hundreds of pounds of the sugary treats into the country, and officials said they had confiscated 661 pounds of them in a week, according to a report in the Times of Israel. (Because each roll-up weighs 0.5 ounces, it would take more than 21,000 to total that weight.) One couple arrived on May 1 at Ben Gurion International Airport with multiple suitcases full of them, according to news reports.

In a video posted by the Israeli news site Mako, a customs official appears to sift through at least three suitcases, each containing hundreds of Fruit Roll-Ups, while a man off-screen attempts to explain that he brought them for his family.

Officials this month also found 10 mail shipments containing nearly 350 pounds of the coveted fruit confections being sent from the United States to different addresses in Israel, the news site Ynet reported. The country's Tax Authority deemed those quantities to be illegal "commercial shipments" that are subject to taxes and other fees as well as approval by health officials. That report also claimed that two other individuals flying into Israel had been caught moving large amounts of the snack.

So how did fruit leather become some of the world's oddest contraband? It all started as a viral trend on TikTok, where videos featuring people wrapping the roll-ups around ice cream have been widely circulated. Some users fashion them into small burrito-like wraps, while others crimp them into more dumpling-esque shapes. The appeal seems to come from the contrast in texture between the soft interior and the leather, which hardens when in contact with the ice cream, creating a crisp exterior. One of the originators of the trend was TikToker Golnar Ghavami, who said in a video from February — which has gotten more than 14 million views — that she buys the fruit-leather component in bulk on Amazon.

IMAGE PARTY/SHUTTERSTOCK

Two American couples this month were found trying to move hundreds of pounds of Fruit Roll-Ups into Israel.

High demand apparently fueled by the viral snack has caused the price of Fruit Roll-Ups to soar in Israel. But they remain widely available — and relatively cheap — in the United States, thus tempting some would-be entrepreneurs to stockpile here and transport them overseas where they could fetch a sweet profit. U.S. customers can buy a 72-count box for $27, while Israeli fans are paying as much as $6 for a single roll-up from "enterprising merchants," according to the Times of Israel.

The craze and the subsequent black market it spawned prompted the country's Health Ministry to issue a warning about potential dangers. "Glucose, corn syrup and dry corn syrup are all sugar — a lot of different types of sugar," the officials' statement read, noting that sugar consumption can lead to weight gain, cardiovascular diseases, Type 2 diabetes and other diseases.

The ministry helpfully offered link to a recipe for a cucumber roll as a healthy alternative, though the vegetable snack might not hit quite the same notes as the sweeter one.

And it might have added another caveat for people indulging in the TikTok trend: After seeing some people attempt to eat the wrapper the fruit treats come in, the official Fruit Roll-Ups TikTok account took the step of posting a video warning people not to, you know, eat the plastic.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:05-4:45-10:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:50
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-9:55
Polite Society (PG-13) CC: 2:25
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:35
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:55-5:20-7:50-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:00-8:00
Air (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-9:50
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:00-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:00-8:30-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:20-4:55-7:30-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) OC: 8:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) OC: 7:20
Polite Society (PG-13) OC: 7:20
Air (R) OC: 7:05
Sisu (R) OC: 5:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) OC: 1:05

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:15-4:40-7:40-10:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 2:00; 11:45-1:00-3:45-5:00-6:00-9:00
The Spy Who Loved Me (PG) 7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:15AM
Beau Is Afraid (R) 7:20
Air (R) 1:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00
BlackBerry (R) 12:45-3:15-6:40-10:30
Hypnotic (R) 4:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00-3:40-6:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:20-4:20-7:40-10:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:45-7:00
Anxious Nation 7:00
Hypnotic (R) 2:45-4:50
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 2:20-4:45-7:20

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:45-7:00-8:00
Beau Is Afraid (R) 3:15-6:45
Showing Up (R) 7:25
The Eight Mountains 3:25-7:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:00-7:30
BlackBerry (R) 3:00-7:30
Air (R) 4:15
Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie (R) 3:30-7:15

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 7:00
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-6:20
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:00-4:10-7:05-9:55
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Sisu (R) 3:40-10:10
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 11:20AM
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-9:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 6:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:30-5:30-9:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
BlackBerry (R) OC: 6:45
Videodrome (R) 9:10
Le Bonheur (1965) 7:00
Polite Society (PG-13) 12:00
R.M.N. 2:10-6:35
What's Love Got To Do With It? (PG-13) 4:45
BlackBerry (R) 1:45-4:15-9:15
Millennium Mambo (Qianxi manbo) (R) 2:00-8:45
42nd Street (1933) (NR) 4:30
Invaders from Mars (1953) (NR) 12:15

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:10
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
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AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:30-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:30-6:00-8:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:40-6:10-8:40
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 3:55-6:25-8:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:00-9:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 2:50-5:50
Air (R) CC: 7:35
Sisu (R) CC: 2:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 8:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:25-5:05
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 4:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:30-8:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
BlackBerry (R) OC: 8:50

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:10-5:45-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:30-5:00-8:00-8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:45-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:20-7:15
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Air (R) CC: 12:00-2:45
Sisu (R) CC: 10:15
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 12:00-4:30-9:15
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 6:50-9:45
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 10:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:40-10:05
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 12:15-5:15-7:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:30-9:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 12:45-6:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
Hypnotic (R) OC: 10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 2:45
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 3:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:00-3:45-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-2:45-4:30-8:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-3:30-6:05-8:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15
Sisu (R) CC: 1:45-7:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 7:45
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
Hypnotic (R) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:20-8:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:10
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 7:15
The Pope's Exorcist (R) CC: 4:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:30-5:45-8:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 7:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:15-4:45
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Nefarious (R) CC: 2:45-8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 3:45-6:15-8:40
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:45-8:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:15

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 7:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-3:30-5:30-7:00-8:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:55-6:00-8:50
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
Flash Over (Jing tian jiu yuan) 2:10-8:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-4:40-7:15
Air (R) CC: 2:05-7:25
Sisu (R) CC: 8:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 4:50
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 4:55
BlackBerry (R) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:30
Born to Fly 6:15
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Hypnotic (R) OC: 7:45

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 6:45
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 10:00-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:50
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:10-2:55-6:40-10:25
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Love Again (PG-13) 10:10-1:35-4:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:40-1:25-4:10-6:55-9:40
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Sisu (R) 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:55
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) XD: 3:30; 11:35-3:05-5:00-6:35-10:05
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 12:00-7:00-10:30
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:35-1:20-3:50
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 10:45
BlackBerry (R) 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:35-10:35
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 10:20-6:00
Air (R) 11:00-1:50-4:40
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 10:35
Custody (Telugu) 2:25-9:30
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:50-9:25
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) XD: 3:30
Music School (Hindi) 9:15
IB 71 6:15

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-5:00-8:00-9:00
Hypnotic (R) 3:20-6:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:20-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 5:40-8:40
Love Again (PG-13) 5:20-8:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:40-6:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:40-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:00-7:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 6:30-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:10-5:15-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 6:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:15-7:15
Air (R) 4:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 3:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 6:30; 3:45

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:30-4:15-7:10-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:00-7:20
Love Again (PG-13) 4:50-6:00
Air (R) 4:10-7:15
Hypnotic (R) 4:20-7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:40-4:30-6:05-7:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 3:45-7:05

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-6:00-7:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-2:35-3:05-6:05-7:15-9:35
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Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) 12:05-5:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:30

Regal Bowie
15200 Major Lansdale Boulevard
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-12:50-2:00-3:30-4:20-5:30-7:00-7:50
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 7:00
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:50-8:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-6:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:45-12:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-3:15-3:30-4:30-5:00-5:30-8:00-8:30-9:00
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BlackBerry (R) 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:40
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 11:30-6:30-10:00
Sisu (R) 3:35-9:55
Custody (Telugu) 3:00-10:00
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Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-6:00-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 3:00
Custody (Tamil) 11:35-6:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 1:00

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 1:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:30-2:20-4:40-7:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-2:40-3:30-4:20-6:10-7:00-7:50
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Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:40-3:20
Love Again (PG-13) 4:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:50-6:40
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 7:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:10-4:00
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 12:45-4:20-8:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:00
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Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:30-4:50-8:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 12:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:15
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:20-4:20-8:30-9:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
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Love Again (PG-13) 1:20-4:40-7:20
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 3:40-7:10-9:40
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Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 7:00
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 12:40-4:10-7:40

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:30-6:10
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Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:00-7:20
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Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
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Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:10-4:10-8:00
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 12:40

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7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 1:00-4:00-7:00
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11830 Grand Park Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:45-6:45-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:30-6:15-9:00
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 7:30-10:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) (!) 3:00-6:00-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:40-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:40-3:20-5:50-8:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:35
Air (R) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:10
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 1:30-4:25-7:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:20-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:30-9:45
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:00-7:45-9:15
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Hypnotic (R) OC: 7:00
BlackBerry (R) OC: 7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 6:30

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:20-6:10-9:50
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:15-9:00

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The Spy Who Loved Me (PG) 7:15
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Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Sunset Boulevard (1950) (NR) 4:00-7:00
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:45-3:00-5:20-7:30
The Eight Mountains 1:45-4:50-8:05
Anxious Nation 7:10
Air (R) 4:30
Carmen (R) 1:40
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 1:50-4:35-7:15
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CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45-6:15
Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai II 7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:50-6:45

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-2:45-4:55-7:20
Somewhere in Queens (R) 10:00-12:15-2:25-4:40-7:15
The Eight Mountains 10:05-1:00-7:00
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The Lost King (PG-13) 9:45-12:10-4:00
BlackBerry (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40
Air (R) 2:30-4:50-7:10

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Furious 7 (PG-13) 7:30
Hypnotic (R) 4:55
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 10:20-5:10
Air (R) 10:10-2:05
Custody (Telugu) 1:35-8:20
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Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Furious 7 (PG-13) 7:30
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
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The Pope's Exorcist (R) 10:20
Grease 45th Anniversary (PG) 4:00-7:00
Sisu (R) 11:10-1:30
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 12:20-3:50-7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 1:10

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
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Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
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Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Surprise Film (NR) 7:00
Jodi (Punjabi) (NR) 7:05-10:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:50-6:45
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Regal Kingstowne & RPX
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Regal Virginia Gateway & RPX
8001 Gateway Promenade Place
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50-5:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-1:15-4:00-4:15-7:15-7:30
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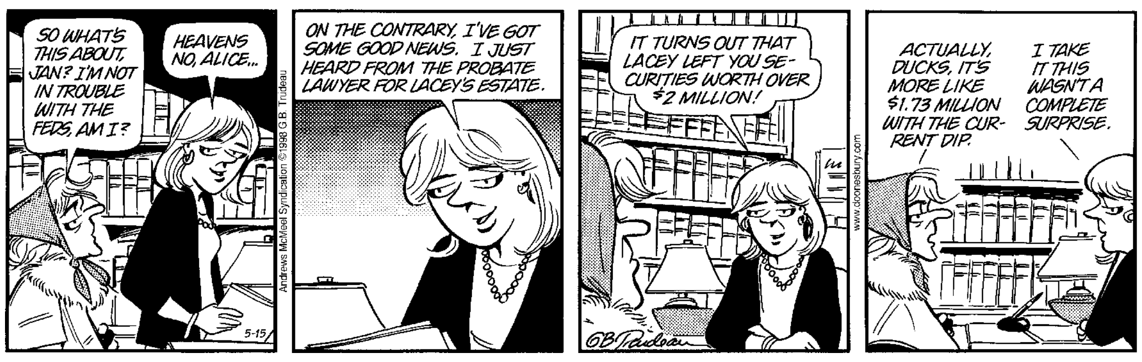

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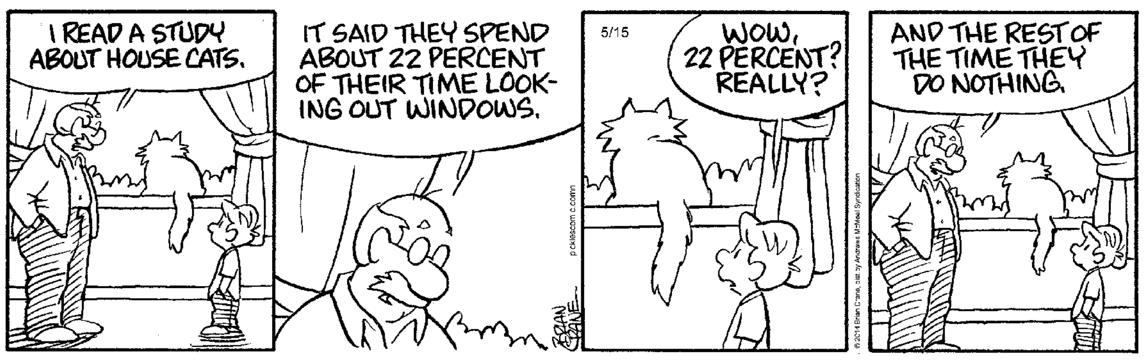

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ K 6 5
♥ K 10 9 8 7
♦ J 10
♣ 5 3 2

WEST
♠ J 7 2
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ 10 9 8 7

EAST
♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ A J 5
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ K 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 3
♦ A 7 5 4
♣ A Q J 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 10

Unlucky Louie and the player we call Harlow the Halo are diametrically opposed. Good luck shines in Harlow's face like good health; Louie would have won a lottery for a ticket on the Titanic.

"The man's errors never cost," Louie grumbles.

In a team match, Louie and Harlow played at 3NT, and West led the 10 of clubs: deuce, king, ace.

"Harlow led the queen of hearts next," Louie told me, "and East took the ace! Harlow won the club return, led a heart to the 10 and East's jack, and had 10 tricks. If East had correctly ducked the queen of hearts, the Halo would have been in serious trouble.

"My play was better," Louie said. "At Trick Two I led the three of hearts to dummy's 10. East won and returned a club; no defense would beat the contract. I won and led the queen of hearts to dummy's king, assuring an overtrick."

If East let the 10 of hearts win, Louie would lead a low heart from dummy next.

Keep the faith, Louie. Harlow's luck will run out.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A Q 10 ♥ Q 3
♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ A Q J 6

You open one club, your partner responds one spade, you jump to 2NT and he bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Not everyone would have bid 2NT with this hand, but that's water over the dam. You should show your spade support now, but the correct call is four spades, suggesting strong three-card support and slammish values. You would take a three-spade preference with J 7 3, K J 3, A Q 3, A K J 6.

— Frank Stewart

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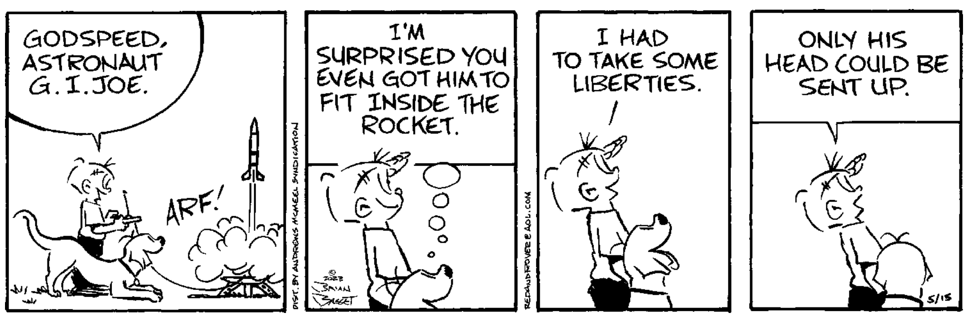
BRIAN BASSET



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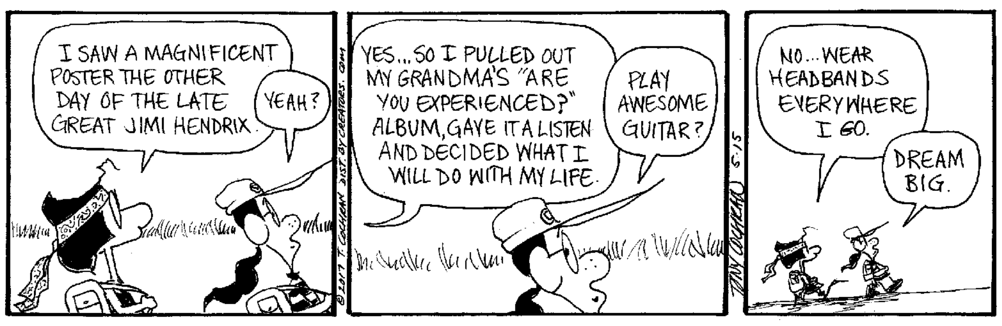
TONY COCHRAN



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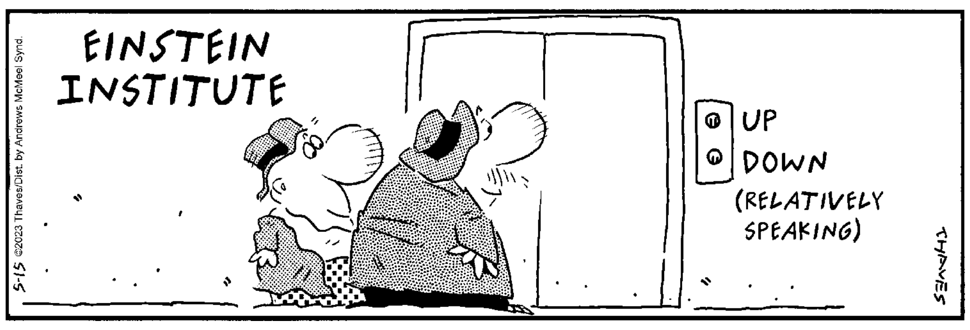

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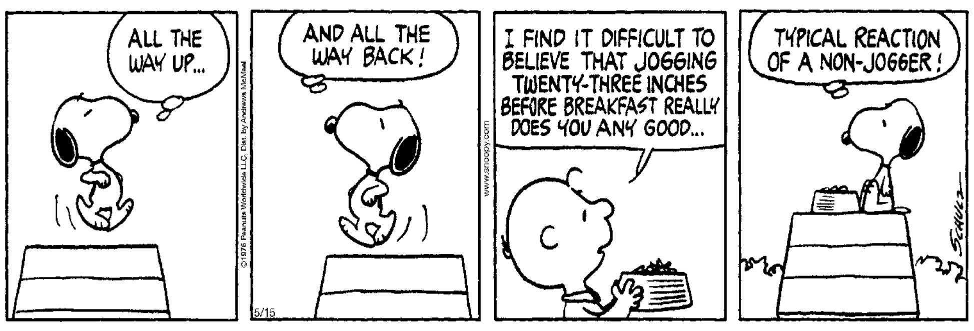

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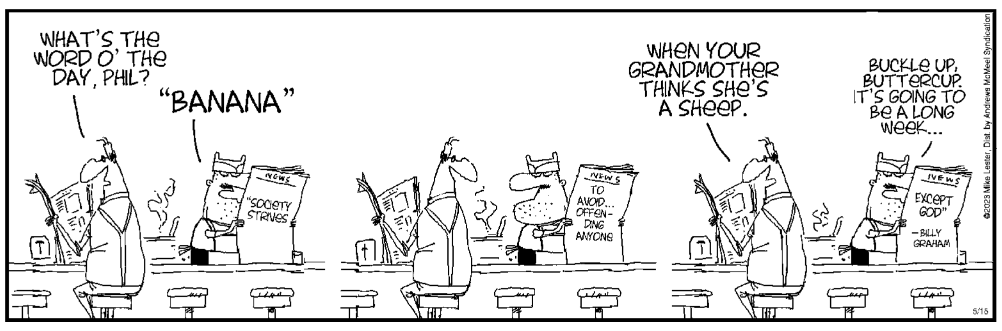

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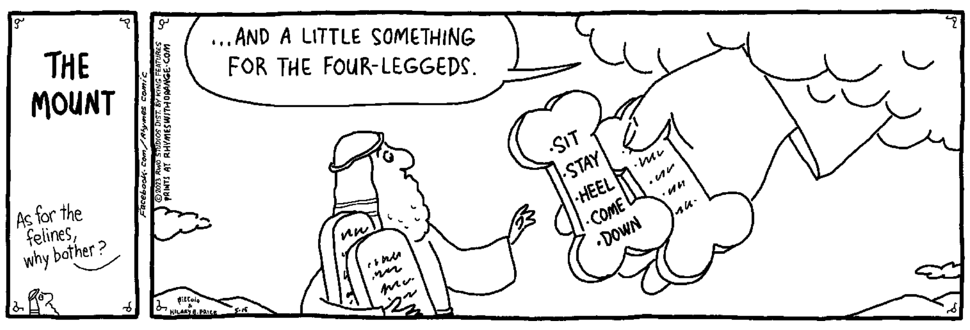

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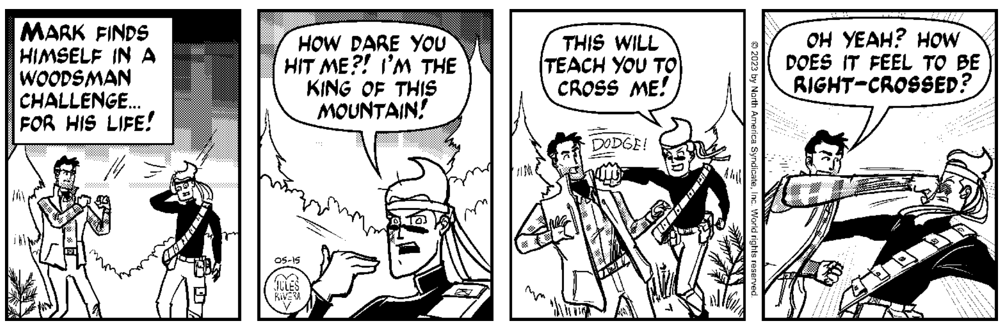

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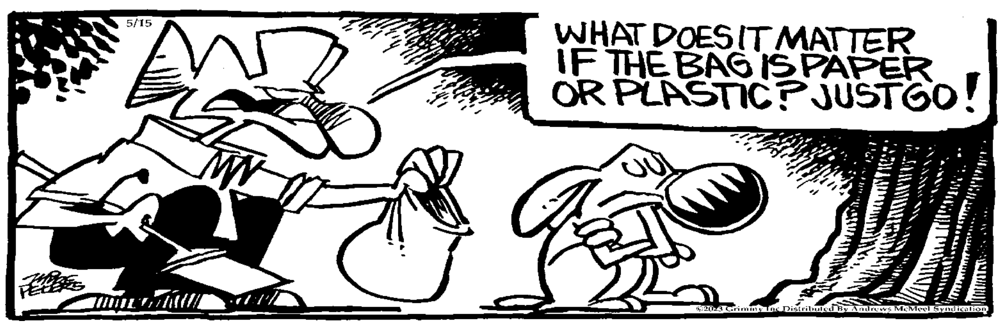

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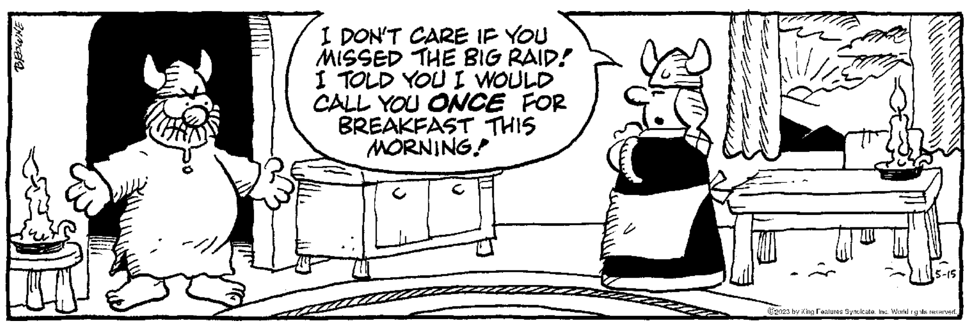

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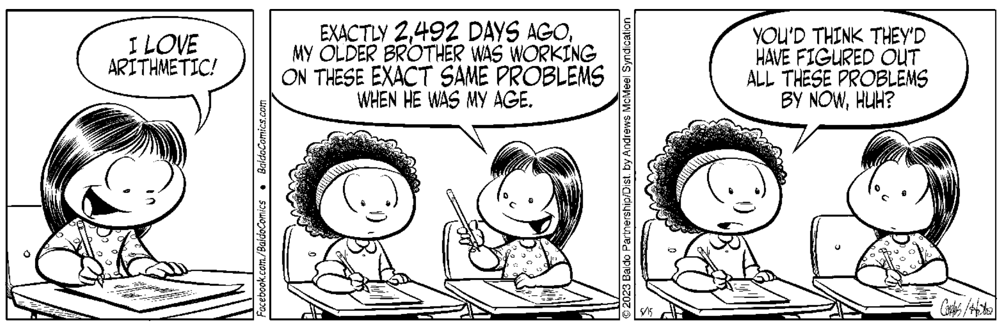

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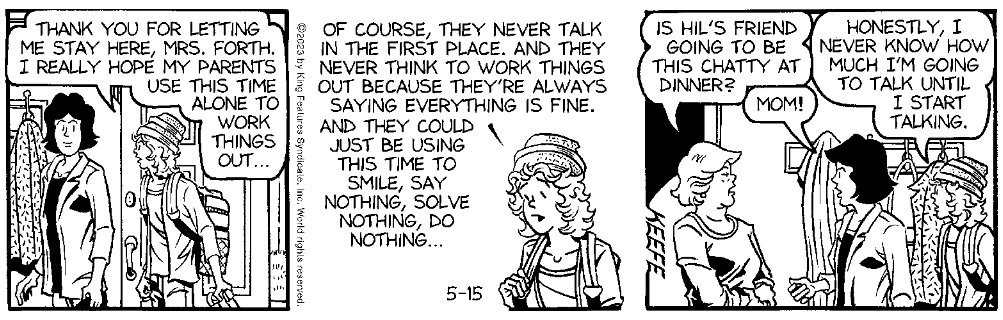

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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RACK 1: E1 O1 U1 D2 L1 L1 C3

RACK 2: A1 A1 E1 I1 T1 T1 G2 — 1st Letter Double

RACK 3: A1 I1 Y4 N1 T1 D2 N1

RACK 4: A1 E1 O1 D2 T1 C3 H4 — Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 140-150
BEST SCORE 218

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
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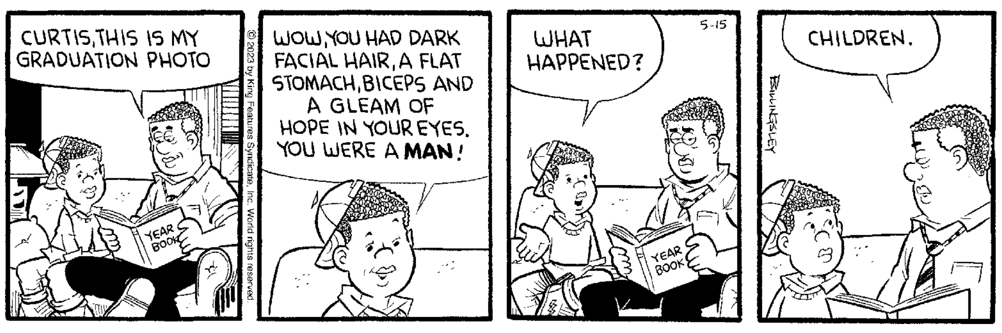
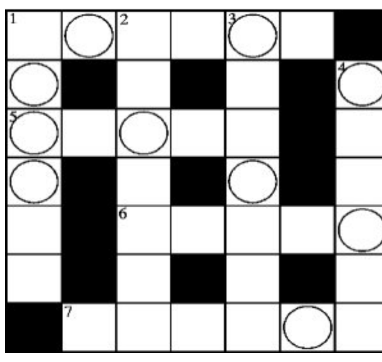


JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Company, organization	ECYANG
5. Holiday Inn, for example	LTOHE
6. Banishment	LEIXE
7. ____ language	RAEMGN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. On dry land	SERHOA
2. Acute, intense	ETEEMRX
3. Atomic number 20	UMIALCC
4. Behind a vessel	SATREN

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The average speed of a typical ____ in the early 1800s was about 5 miles per hour.

ANSWERS: 1A-Agency 5A-Hotel 6A-Exile 7A-German 1D-Ashore 2D-Extreme 3D-Calcium 4D-Astern B-Stagecoach

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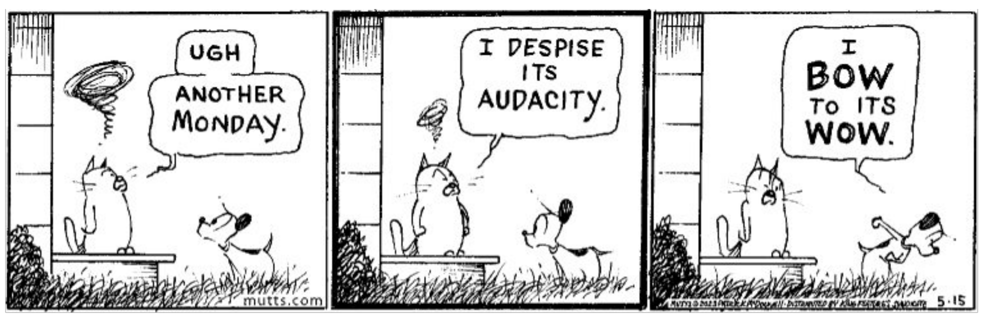

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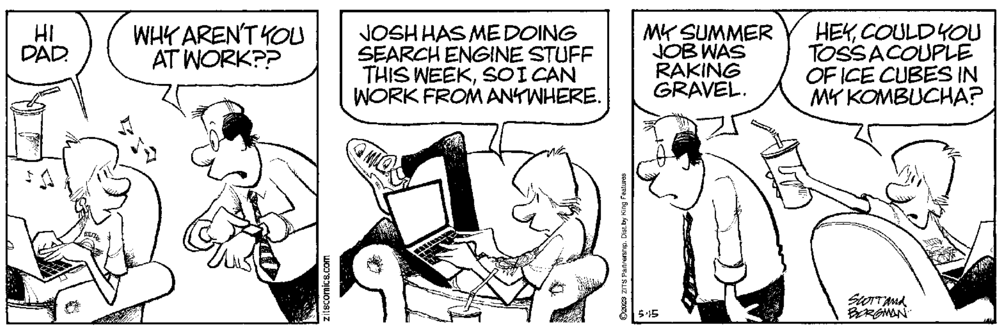

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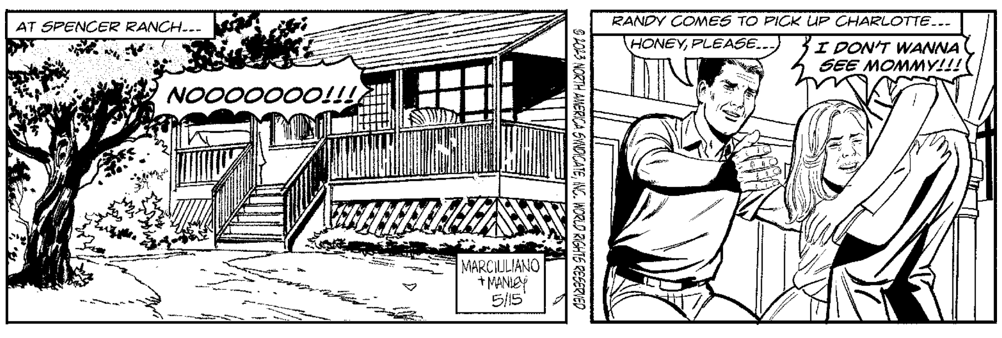

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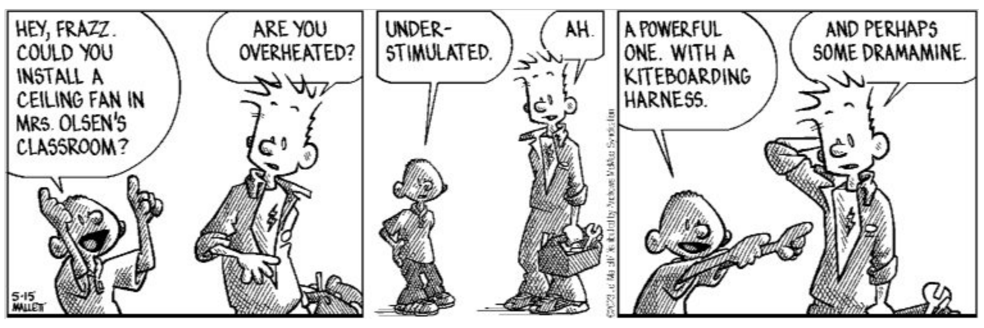

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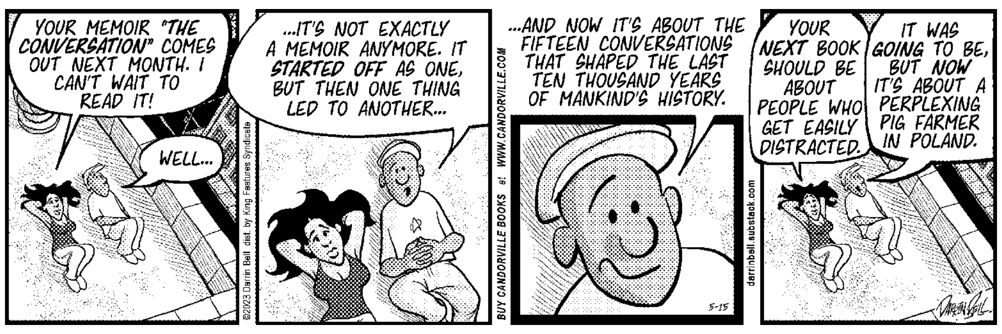

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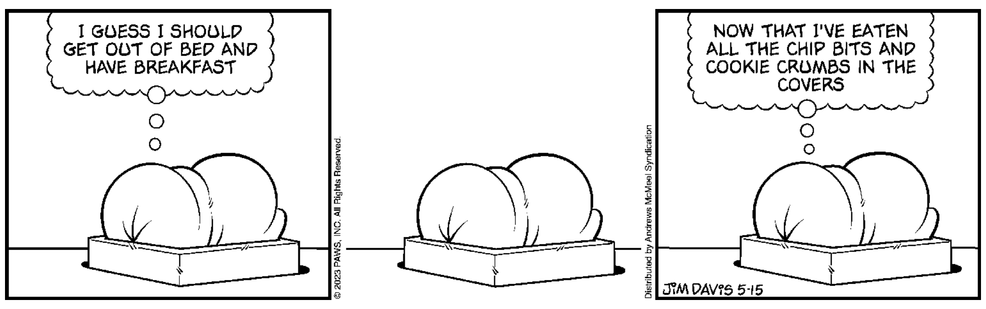

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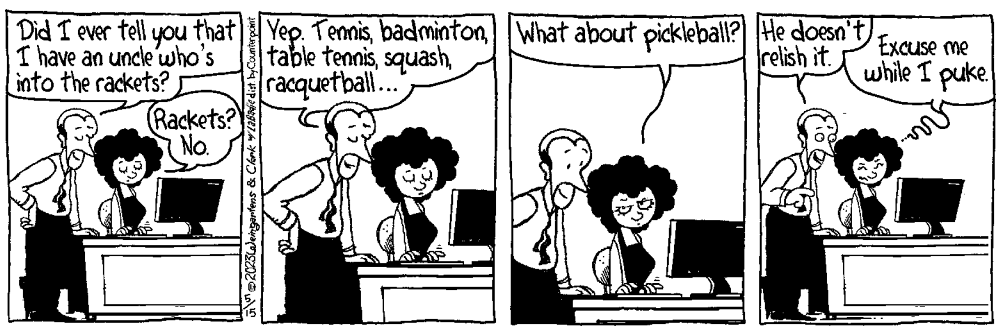

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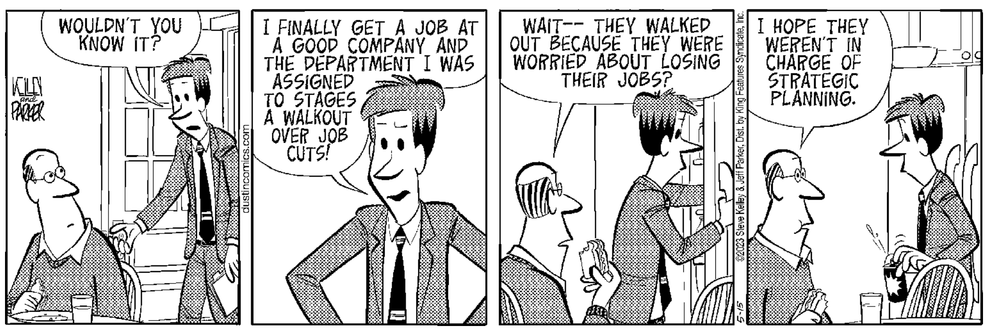

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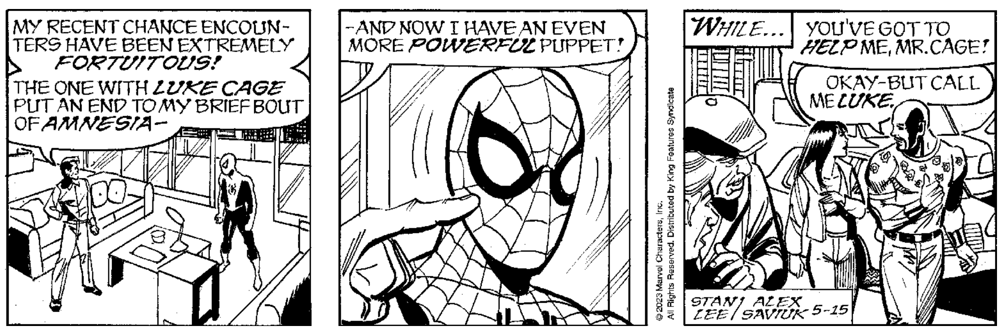

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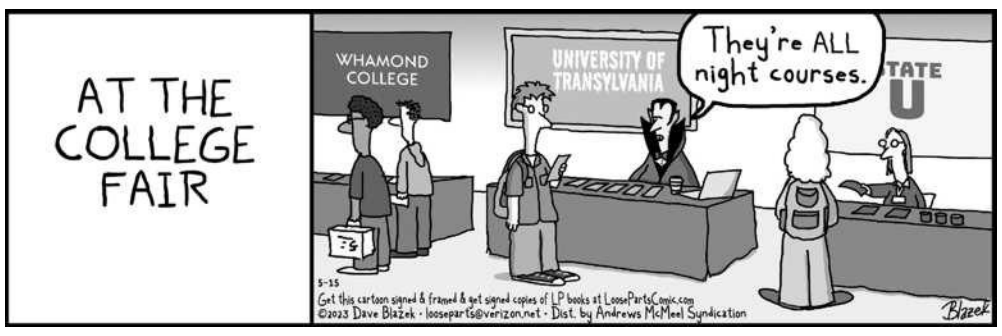

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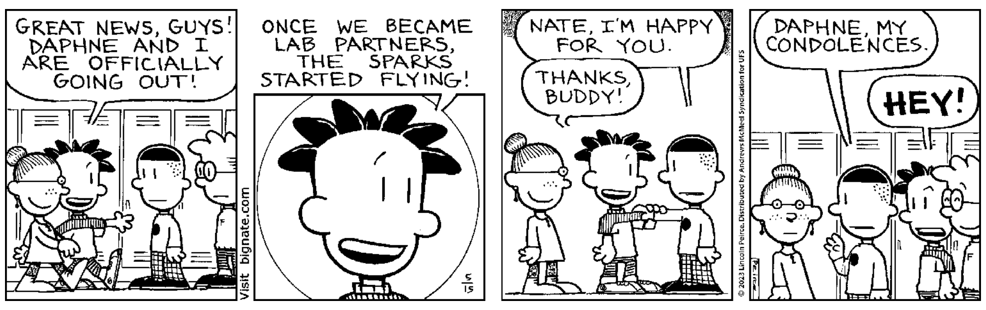

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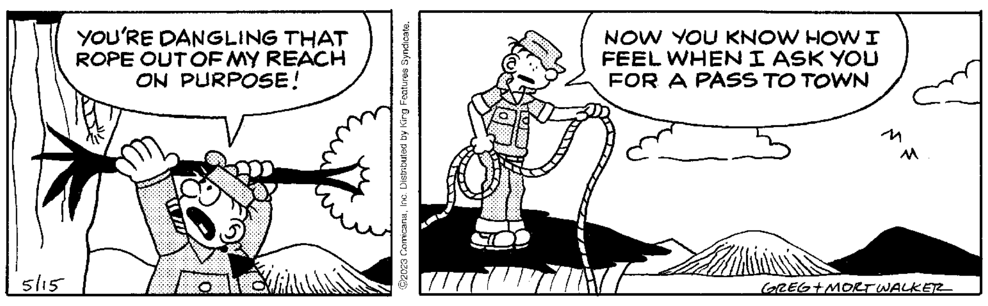

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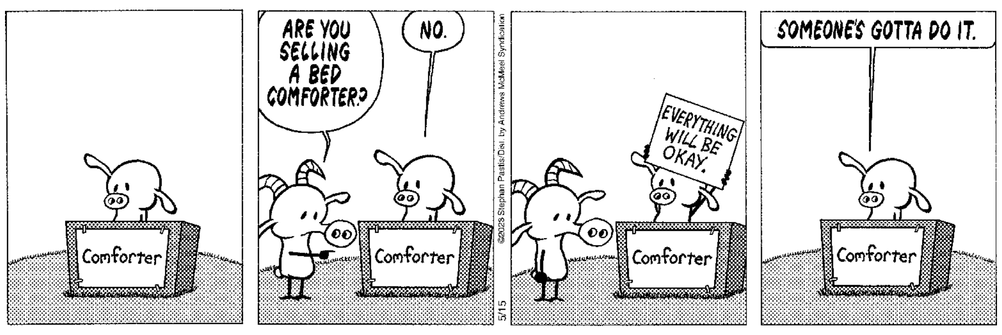

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | MAY 15

You are energetic, proud and independent. You drive yourself hard (sometimes too much so). This is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people, places and things that might be holding you back. Commune with nature this year.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aries.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
If you find it hard to follow through on your plans and goals today, cut yourself some slack. You really do want to make some improvements, especially to your appearance and physical health.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
When I was young and I put too much food on my plate, my dad used to say, "Your eyes are bigger than your stomach." Today you might feel this way about many things.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
A friend or a charitable organization might inspire you to help someone in need. There's a strong possibility that you will contribute money or share your own possessions. You feel genuine sympathy for those who have more problems than you.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Even though you are high-viz today and people seem to know personal details about your private life, it will be tough to muster the energy necessary to impress others with your accomplishments.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Today you have strong opinions when discussing controversial subjects with others. You might want to convince someone to see your way of thinking, because you identify strongly with your own beliefs.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
You might want to make improvements to the way you deal with shared property or something that is jointly held. Your challenge will be to follow through on your ideas, because it might be tough to convince friends or groups to go along with you.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You might attract someone to you today who has feisty, intense ideas. This could be a close friend or a partner, or even a member of the general public. Although you want to put your ideas into action as well, you just don't have the energy – not today.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
You might be keen to do something to improve your health today. Likewise, you might want to introduce reforms at work or how you do your job. However, instead, your mind might drift off into never-never land, planning future escapes to someplace appealing.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Because you feel some genuine sympathy for someone who might be going through a hard time, you'll be generous with your time and money, and possibly the resources of someone else.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Today you have ideas about how to make some improvements at home, especially to areas related to garbage, recycling, laundry or bathrooms.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Before you step up on that soapbox to convince someone to agree with your ideas today, ask yourself if you have the energy to follow through. Initially, you might be keen to rally your troops and set them marching.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You might lend your energy to creative enterprises today, like sports events, fun activities with kids or, more likely, ways to benefit these same areas. If so, you will have novel ideas about how to raise money and beat the bushes for some support for any cause that you want to endorse.

— Georgia Nicols

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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N_1	O_1	N_1	W_4	O_1	R_1	K_5	RACK 3 =	64
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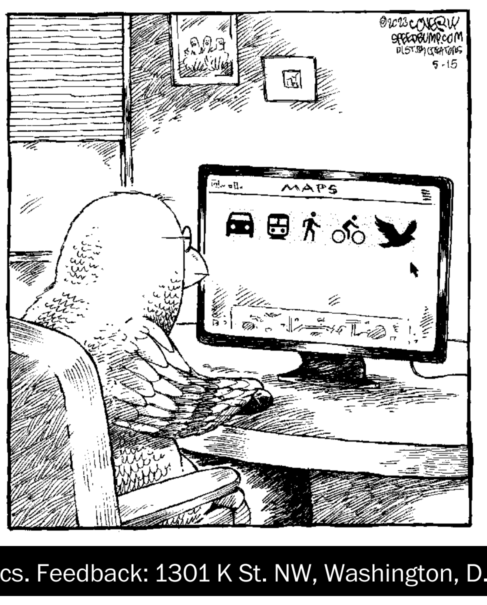


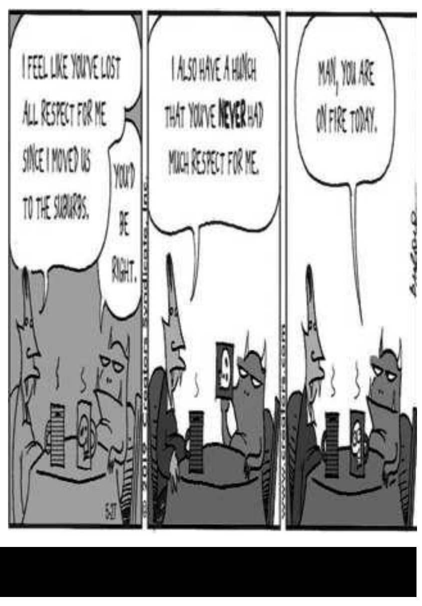
DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM

"I DON'T WANT YOU BRINGING HOME ANY MORE NOTES FROM YOUR TEACHER." "GREAT! I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF THAT."

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE

"Know why I smell so good? I put a dab of peanut butter behind each ear."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



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LEFT: Link, dressed in the twilight tunic, battles a Gleeok, one of the many nods to the original game. RIGHT: Temples return to the Zelda series, and they're where you'll find companions with abilities that enhance exploration. "Breath of the Wild" (2017) gave you every tool needed to solve the game in its first hour, but "Tears of the Kingdom," which came out Friday, reintroduces the traditional power creep.

'Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom' doesn't reinvent the franchise. It just perfects it.

ZELDA FROM **C1**

always worked.

The experience is dense with the sense of accomplishment. Almost every puzzle gave me self-satisfaction and pride in how I tackled it.

"Tears of the Kingdom" is a miracle of engineering and elegant artifice, especially because it runs on aging, decade-old technology inside the Nintendo Switch. It unlocks parts of your creativity, forcing you to use elementary knowledge of physics and chemistry to overcome challenges. "Minecraft" revolutionized gaming by introducing deep creative elements, but "Tears" combines them with the luxurious animations and polish of a complex narrative adventure. This game, which came out Friday, was leaked to many players, and the inventions they created defy anything you'd expect from a Zelda game. One video clip shows Link fending off hordes of monsters by building a giant robot armed with a seesawing, fire-breathing, dragon-shaped penis.

Because the solutions to these puzzles require understanding real-life concepts such as weight distribution and momentum, "Tears" could be a game family and friends solve together. My girlfriend, who doesn't play games, was instrumental in helping me solve several puzzles, and we both felt a sense of ownership.

But longtime Zelda fans need immediate answers. Yes, classic temple design has returned. Although each temple or dungeon follows the formula of the player finding and activating four or five switches, the set design as well as the means to navigate and solve them are unique to each region. In each temple, Link will find a companion with a unique skill necessary to solve that temple, and both stay with him throughout the rest of the game. Although 2017's "Breath of the Wild" gives you every tool needed to solve the game in its first hour, "Tears" reintroduces the traditional power creep. By the end of the game, you'll be armed with abilities such as conjuring a gust of wind to glide faster or triggering a rolling attack to remove brittle walls and rocks to unveil secrets.

Each temple also comes with a warm-up adventure of sorts themed to that region, much like "Skyward Sword" on the Wii does. Approaching the Fire Temple requires an adventure in, under and around a volcano. One such quest involves climbing up the sky so high, I was as terrified of Link punching through the atmosphere into space as I was him plummeting to the earth.

> *"Tears" isn't just retreading stories and locations. "Breath of the Wild" veterans will find new secrets and challenges in old, familiar places.*

The game is more than double the size of "Breath." Islands, caves and dungeons dot the sky, while an underground region rests below the land of Hyrule. (It's a pitch-black network of caves and ancient ruins that's also a dark mirror to the overworld.) By the end of my 60-hour run through the main quest, I hadn't even found half of the 199 side adventures available, let alone completed even a quarter of them. While "Breath" redefined what massive open-world games can be, it is relatively empty of scripted adventure. Not so with "Tears," where seemingly every character in the world has purpose, whether it's to add more context to a mystery or lead you to more adventure.

The most disappointing thing about "Tears": It retains the "Breath of the Wild" structure of having some 150 puzzle shrines all over the map. Players can visit each of the four main regions and find triggers that show cinematic depictions of past events. Although all of these details are significantly better, more detailed and more rewarding than in the last game, the experience won't feel as fresh and revolutionary as it did in 2017. And the exemplary music the series is known for (galloping heroic themes inspired by classic western film composers such as Elmer Bernstein of "The Magnificent Seven") is nowhere to be found, as "Tears" instead opts for atmospheric piano tinkles in the overworld.

"Tears" isn't just retreading stories and locations, though. "Breath" veterans will find new secrets and challenges in old, familiar places. Every revisit to every location of note from the last game will contain something shocking, frightening or wondrous. Plus, completing many stories will change the world around you in meaningful ways, oftentimes beautifying or restoring the land.

It's also important to know that, unlike in "Breath," the story of "Tears" isn't mainly told through flashbacks. The residents and villains of Hyrule all take a direct, active role in your quests. In fact, it's almost as if every speaking creature in the land has some role to play in the narrative, whether providing interesting new history or having their own character arcs. The side quests aren't just "go here, fetch this." Instead, they are full stories with complicated relationships and are often drenched with consequence. These side stories include becoming a literal newspaper journalist and meddling in a small-town election. Some of these stories feed into the main questline, adding important context and often giving hints to solving the game's largest mysteries, including the location of the missing Princess Zelda.

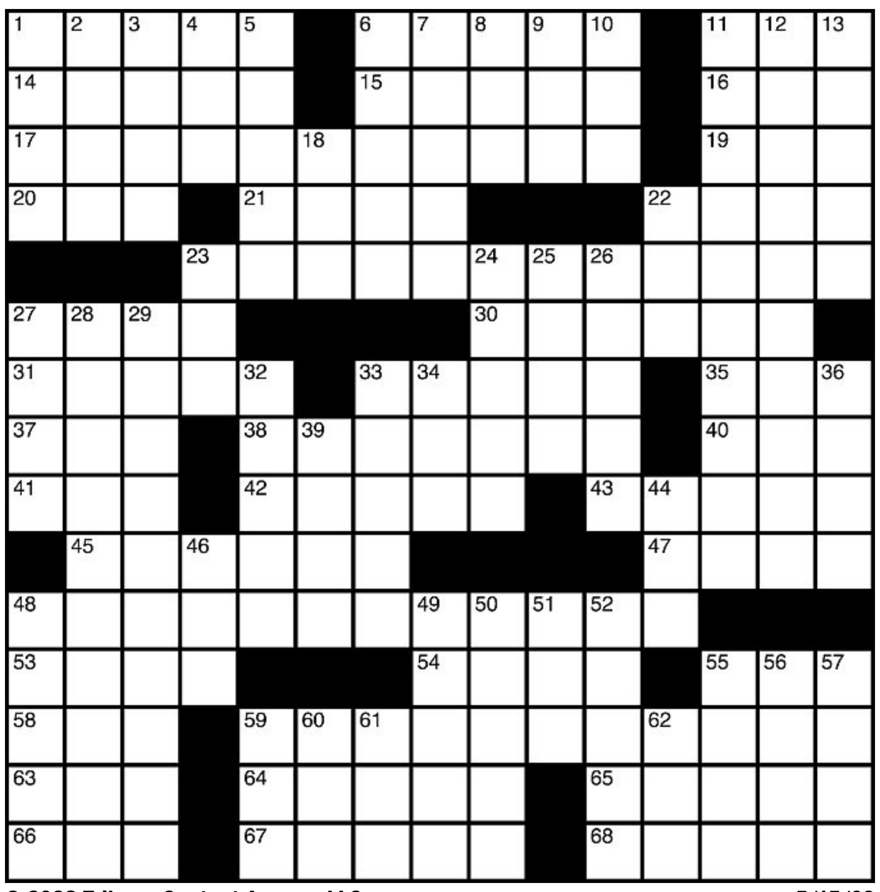
Any concerns of retread content was forgotten when, after 50 hours, I began the game's final act, the most thrilling, expansive and epic climax in the series. The little said the better, but if you're a longtime fan of the series and its characters, it's worth every second to push through to witness the final sequence of events and challenges. It will surprise, delight and plumb emotional depths the series has never before explored. Even the sleepy soundtrack wakes and begins to thunderously carry you to impending victory.

This is the fullest Zelda story to date, as it answers almost every nagging mystery from the last game. Who were the ancient race of Zonai? Which version of the series villain Ganondorf is threatening the land now? How does any of this fit into the convoluted timeline of the past 19 Zelda games? The answers may not be what you expect, but they're all here.

Ultimately, the lore isn't the main attraction, and it isn't the reason the Zelda series has endured for almost half a century. What's more compelling is the game's nod to the collective story of how human imagination pushes us through our toughest challenges, and sometimes sends us soaring to heights unseen.

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Gary Cee



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1 Golden Globe, e.g.
6 Resounding success
11 Stubborn animal
14 Nissan crossover SUV
15 Yellow parts of eggs
16 Like carpaccio
17 Cold War political symbol
19 __-friendly: green
20 "Life of Pi" director Lee
21 Aunt Bee's charge, in a classic sitcom
22 Newbie
23 Project announced as a test of public opinion
27 Harvest-ready
30 Low-tech calculator
31 Smudge
33 Satisfied paparazzi, maybe
35 Pat gently
37 Self-mover's rental
38 "On your feet!" courtroom command, and a hint to the ends of the answers to 17-, 23-, 48-, and 59-Across
40 Singer Yoko
41 Rank below cpl.
42 Tusked hogs
43 Speaker Emerita Pelosi
45 Gift box trimming
47 Butterfly catchers
48 Maryland-based daily paper
53 In __ of
54 British peer
55 Bit of back talk
58 Rather strange
59 Alabama team
63 Forensic drama franchise
64 Physics Nobelist Marie
65 Airplane walkway
66 Daughter's brother
67 Airplane assignments
68 Drive off

DOWN

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3 On tenterhooks
4 "Let's get out of here!"
5 Architectural Digest subject
6 Damascus location
7 Road trip stopover
8 __ carte menu
9 Hit the slopes
10 QVC alternative
11 "May I speak now?"
12 Immune from criticism
13 Require smelling salts
18 Wire service co.
22 Doting affection, briefly
23 English breakfast, for one
24 Foundation
25 Five-spots
26 Carrying freight
27 Invitation letters
28 "Regrettably, yes"
29 Tentatively on the schedule
32 Bar mitzvah official
33 Dallas suburb
34 Bobby of the Bruins
36 Word with Beach, Beastie, and Backstreet, in band names
39 Weaver's device
44 Journalist Curry
46 AC power unit
48 Allied groups
49 Send payment
50 Simplifies
51 "We're full" B'way sign
52 Like the "funny bone" nerve
55 Invisalign side effect, perhaps
56 At a standstill
57 Banana throwaway
59 Keeps in the email loop
60 Regret
61 Golden yrs. fund
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SATURDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Spouse wants to split spending money, but husband calls this a 'slippery slope'

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband and I are young and recently married. He, being a little older and admittedly a little more mature early in our relationship, usually took control of our finances. I recently asked for a chance to make the budget. He gave it up somewhat willingly, and it has been going okay.

One thing that has created multiple fights is that I want a bit of money to go to each of us individually. I can buy what I want without asking, he can do the same, and it is equal amounts of money.

He is worried that it's a "slippery slope" that will continue to split other things throughout our marriage. I just want some space as an adult to buy what I want without having to check in with him. Any solutions?

— Splitting Money, Not Marriage

Splitting Money, Not Marriage: I might not be the right person to answer this, because I cannot pretend any kind of objective attachment. My first mental reaction was, "Erf your slippery slope."

A "slippery slope" argument means only this: "I can't make a defensible case against what you're asking for, so I will imagine some future terrible thing that you can't possibly argue against and use that to deny you the legitimate thing in the present."

Call it the BS it is and say you want some money under your own control *for both of you.* Don't budge.

And while you're calling BS on things, call BS on your own rationalization that his "being a little older and admittedly a little more mature" justifies unequal power between you. You have the last word in your own life, married or not. Anyone who believes otherwise and tries to impose that on you is not a safe or healthy partner to have. Full stop.

Re: Slippery slope: Your request is entirely reasonable! It's not like you're going to blow all the family cash on a Lambo, are you?

— Anonymous

Anonymous: Even that's fine if their agreed-upon free-spend portion covers one.

Other readers' thoughts:

• Maybe ask him to game out how he thinks that could happen. What might be the next step down the slope? What else might you split that could be a problem? How does he imagine the discussion about whatever it is? This should be asked out of interest in his thoughts, not defensiveness. You two need a way to discuss your differences, because you will not always be on exactly the same page.

• So go do it. I'm not being flip. Unless you have no access to any of your family's funds (if you don't, that's a whole other problem), you're a grown adult. You don't need his "permission" to go buy a pair of shoes and a Netflix subscription. My husband started this crap early in our marriage, and that's how I nipped it in the bud.

• My husband and I have been married for 40 years. About 10 years in, after many arguments, we set up "yours, mine and ours" buckets. I pushed for it, and he was sure it would fail. It was wildly successful! Arguments about each other's discretionary spending disappeared. I hope it works out as well for you two as it has for us.

• We have a $100 rule. (Probably need to up this for inflation.) Anything less than $100, we don't have to discuss; over that we do discuss. I don't think I've ever vetoed an over-$100 purchase in 12 years, although I probably have given an eye roll.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Martinez still loves managing the Nationals and really wants to see their rebuild through

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

NEW YORK — When Dave Martinez was a child and his family left Manhattan, packing up their cramped apartment on the Upper East Side, placing the framed photos of Roberto Clemente on the top of a box, he thought Long Island was the countryside. There was so much space. Car horns no longer kept him up at night. But when Martinez returned there in the early 2000s, he barely recognized where he spent most of his childhood, the place he grew up before heading to chase big baseball dreams in Florida.

The house his dad helped build, the one Martinez considered a mansion? Much smaller than he remembered.

The woods he used as a playground, weaving his dirt bike through the trees? Chopped down to make room for apartment buildings.

"There's a reason I haven't been back since," Martinez said over breakfast at a Madison Avenue diner in late April. "It was sad. But, you know, things change. Everything changes. Isn't that what you wanted to sit here and talk about?"

Martinez then laughed and patted himself on the back, proud of the way he swerved at the end of a quote to complete the metaphor. For almost two full years now, managing the Washington Nationals has meant managing constant, jarring change. Ryan Zimmerman, Juan Soto, Trea Turner and Max Scherzer are gone, not to mention most other members of the 2019 title team. Stephen Strasburg remains away from the club because of ongoing health complications. From better times —

SEE MARTINEZ ON D3

Dave Martinez said of managing the Nationals, "I don't know when this is going to be over, but I want it to last as long as it possibly can."

Abrams flexes as Nationals earn a split with Mets

NATIONALS 3-2, METS 2-8

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

From the moment the ball left CJ Abrams's bat in the seventh inning, he knew he had given his team the lead. He walked slowly and took time to admire the ball as it carried toward the center field seats Sunday at Nationals Park. New York Mets center fielder Brandon Nimmo joined him, eventually slowing down to watch once he knew there was no way he would track the ball down.

Abrams's third homer of the season proved to be the go-ahead hit in the Nationals' 3-2 victory in a game that served as the completion of Saturday's contest that was suspended because of rain. Abrams hit the elevated cutter from Dominic Leone 411 feet into the seats.

"He's been working hard to get his swing flatter through the zone more," Nationals Manager Dave Martinez said of his young shortstop. "And laying off pitches and swinging at strikes. When he does that, he can hit the ball hard. We've seen it. . . . If we can get him consistent that way, I've always said the pop is there. But we got to have that swing consistently through the zone as much as possible."

Abrams followed up his performance in the day's second game, driving in the Nationals'

SEE NATIONALS ON D3

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CJ Abrams went deep in the seventh inning of Sunday's resumed game.

Mets at Nationals
Today, 4:05 p.m., MASN2

While close, Harris deal still has obstacles

BY MARK MASKE AND NICKI JHABVALA

The announcement Friday that a group led by Josh Harris had reached a signed, exclusive agreement to purchase the Washington Commanders from Daniel Snyder was accompanied by public statements from Harris and the Snyder family, expressions of jubilation by many Commanders fans and comments by political leaders about their eagerness to work with the franchise's new owners.

But while Harris's $6.05 billion deal to buy the team and end Snyder's turbulent 24-year ownership tenure is near the finish line, it's not quite there, at least not yet. The deal still must be vetted and approved by the NFL finance committee and then ratified by a vote of the league's team owners. And members of the eight-owner finance committee raised issues during their meeting Wednesday in New York that threaten to delay the vote of the owners beyond their meeting this month.

"We look forward to the formal approval of our ownership by the NFL in the months ahead," Harris said in his statement,

SEE COMMANDERS ON D5

Words can hurt. Sports keep proving that point.

Kevin B. Blackstone

With just half a minute left in a Stanley Cup playoff game at Las Vegas on May 6, Golden Knights defenseman Zach Whitecloud took a check from behind. It was unnecessary. The game was decided, with Edmonton up three. So Whitecloud turned and slashed the arm of the offender, Oilers forward Klim Kostin, then shed his gloves and began to fight.

That was what you would expect of a 6-foot-2 athlete who weighs maybe half a stone over 200 pounds, playing in a adrenaline-fueled collision sport sometimes still governed on the ice by fisticuffs.

What you would not expect of such a man was what Whitecloud did a few days later.

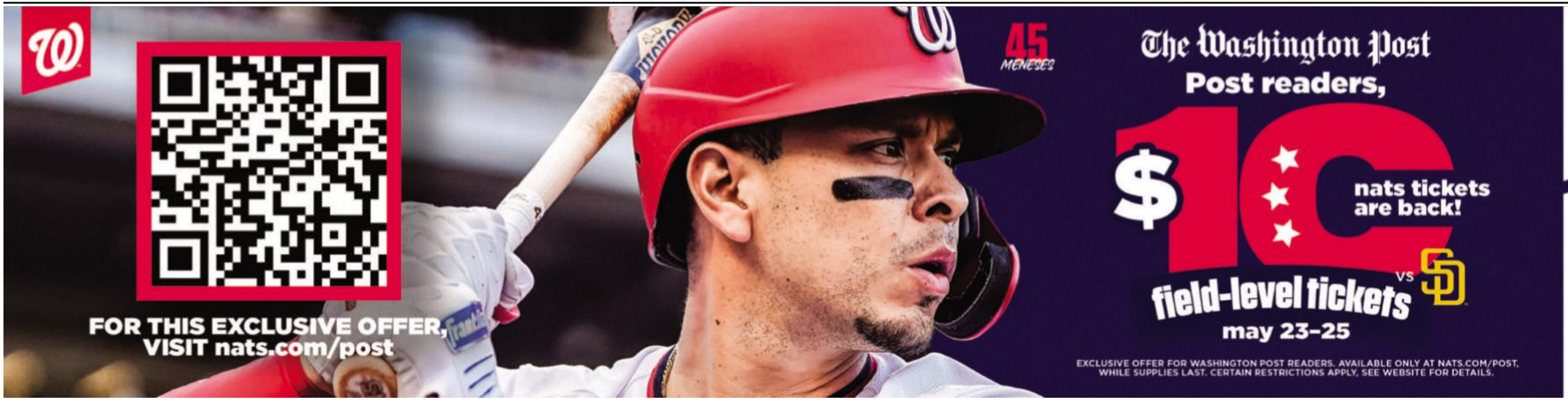
But he is Native. First Nations.

SEE BLACKSTONE ON D5

PRO BASKETBALL
Behind Jayson Tatum's 51 points, Celtics blow out 76ers to return to Eastern Conference finals. **D6**

PRO BASKETBALL
Grizzlies suspend star point guard Ja Morant after he appears to show a gun in another video. **D6**

COLLEGE LACROSSE
The Maryland women's team falters in the fourth quarter of its NCAA tournament game. **D12**



DIGEST

TENNIS

Djokovic advances despite clay struggles

Novak Djokovic's clay-court game is still a work in progress.

The 22-time Grand Slam champion had to overcome a mid-match lapse before beating **Grigor Dimitrov**, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, on Sunday to reach the fourth round of the Italian Open in Rome.

Struggling with his footwork, complaining about the conditions of the clay on Campo Centrale and protesting line calls, Djokovic lost four consecutive games to hand the second set to Dimitrov, who won 12 straight points at one point during that stretch.

But Djokovic raised his game when it counted most, broke Dimitrov in the opening game of the third and improved to 11-1 in his career against the Bulgarian.

"The crowd got into it and kind of got behind him, and of course with the energy of the place, the [entire] match changed," Djokovic said. "I dropped my level a bit. But luckily I managed to find it right away in the first game, make that crucial break and kind of shape the momentum to my side."

Returning from three weeks off because of a lingering issue with his surgically repaired right elbow, Djokovic is aiming for a seventh title in Rome.

In his previous two tournaments on red clay, Djokovic had consecutive early exits — results that mean he will lose the No. 1 ranking after this tournament to **Carlos Alcaraz**.

Djokovic next faces 13th-seeded **Cameron Norrie**, who posted a 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) win over **Marton Fucsovics**.

Earlier, two-time defending champion **Iga Swiatek** swept aside **Lesia Tsurenko**, 6-2, 6-0, to extend her winning streak at the Foro Italico to 13 matches.

Swiatek produced 22 winners to her Ukrainian opponent's two.

Swiatek is aiming to join **Chris Evert** and **Conchita Martínez** as the third woman to win three consecutive titles in Rome.

Coco Gauff was stunned by **Marie Bouzkova**, the No. 27 seed, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Also advancing on the red clay was **Marketa Vondrousova**, who beat ninth-seeded **Maria Sakkari**, 7-5, 6-3.

In other men's matches, top local hope **Jannik Sinner** got by Russian qualifier **Alexander Shevchenko**, 6-3, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, and **Holger Rune** kept his composure amid a partisan crowd and eliminated Italian veteran **Fabio Fognini**, 6-4, 6-2.

HOCKEY

In Tampere, Finland, the United States had to come from a goal down to outclass newcomer Hungary, 7-1, for its second win at the men's ice hockey world championship.

Canada had to do the same in Riga, Latvia, on the way to a 5-2 victory over Slovenia, the other newly promoted team in the top division.

Nick Bonino scored two goals for the Americans and **Rocco Grimaldi** had a goal and two assists in their Group A game.

For Canada, **MacKenzie Weegar** had a goal and two assists, and **Michael Carcone** and **Jack McBain** each had a goal and an assist.

The United States next faces Germany on Monday.

CYCLING

Prerace favorite **Remco Evenepoel** won another time trial to move back into the overall lead of the Giro d'Italia, then later had to withdraw from the event after testing positive for the coronavirus.

The Belgian, who rides for Soudal Quick-Step, beat **Geraint Thomas** by just one second on the almost entirely flat 35-kilometer (22-mile) route from Savignano Sul Rubicone to Cesena, Italy, near the Adriatic coast.

That was enough for Evenepoel to win the stage and take back the leader's pink jersey. The world champion was 45 seconds ahead of Thomas, who rides for Ineos Grenadiers. **Primoz Roglic** was two seconds further back.

Thomas moved into the overall lead after Evenepoel withdrew.

HORSE RACING

In Louisville, a horse died Sunday after a race at Churchill Downs, making it the eighth fatality in recent weeks at the home of the Kentucky Derby.

Rio Moon "suffered a catastrophic injury to his left foreleg a few strides after the wire," according to notes in the Equibase chart for the sixth race.

The 3-year-old colt ridden by **Martin Garcia** was euthanized, the chart said.

Two horses were euthanized after being injured in races on the Kentucky Derby undercard May 6. Five others were euthanized after training and racing incidents at the track in the days leading up to the Derby.

COLLEGES

In Stockton, Calif., **Jewel Roemer** and **Ryann Neushul** each scored two goals and had two assists to help No. 1 Stanford beat Southern California, 11-9, to win the Cardinal's second consecutive NCAA women's water polo championship, the ninth in program history.

Stanford and the Trojans have faced off in eight of the past 12 national title games and have combined to win each of the championships during that span.

OBITUARY

Doyle Brunson, one of the most influential poker players of all time and a two-time world champion, died at 89, according to his agent.

Brian Balsbaugh, Brunson's agent, posted a statement on Twitter from the family.

— From news services

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

4 p.m.	**New York Mets at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
6:30 p.m.	**Los Angeles Angels at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**Seattle at Boston** » MLB Network

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

8 p.m.	**Western Conference semifinal: Game 7, Seattle at Dallas** » ESPN

SOCCER

3 p.m.	**English Premier League: Liverpool at Leicester City** » USA Network

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Italian Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**ATP/WTA: Italian Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

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Making just his second start since April 19, the Mets' Max Scherzer limited the Nationals to one run and two hits in five innings Sunday.

ANALYSIS

Scherzer, 38, no longer invulnerable

BY CHELSEA JANES

Max Scherzer never used to be the kind of ace people worried about.

Here, at Nationals Park, that was Stephen Strasburg, the guy who might find himself aching at any moment, the one for whom trainers stood ready on the top step. Scherzer played 6½ years in Washington. Only once did he go on the injured list. If Strasburg was hurt, well, at least the Nationals had Scherzer.

In the New York Mets' dugout, the ace they worried about was Jacob DeGrom. He was the one they worried would throw a pitch, shake his arm and walk off into a few months of oblivion. Before the 2022 season, the Mets signed Scherzer to be the sure thing, the steady ace they struggled to develop for the last half-decade as Matt Harvey and Noah Syndergaard and others watched their careers devolve into fragility, too. Even at his age, Scherzer was a known commodity. The Mets knew Scherzer would take the ball.

But by the time Scherzer took the mound at Nationals Park on Sunday, no one — including Scherzer himself — knew exactly what the 38-year-old with the 5.56 ERA had to give. The answer, for one day, was that he had enough.

"Physically good enough that I will be able to avoid the IL and now get back in the routine and get going," Scherzer said. "That's the most important thing, to be able to avoid the IL, be out there, be healthy and throw the ball well."

Scherzer threw five innings of one-run ball against a Nationals lineup that has MLB's 26th-highest OPS but has proved it is not a pushover. His fastball touched 96 a few times — not as often as it used to but as often as he needed. In the second game of what was basically a doubleheader, the Mets pulled him after just 83 pitches. He had not thrown his usual 100 pitches or so in a while. They had to be careful. Besides, he said, he was not at full cardio strength.

"Actually, today, this was probably the most winded I've ever been in a start," said Scherzer, who has made 427 of them in his career. "I was huffing and puffing. I wasn't tired. I was just out of breath because the last six days I haven't done a thing. I've been sitting in a neck brace. I feel like now I can get through this start, now I can get back in my routine, get my running in. That way I'm physically fit and can get out there and actually pitch better."

In the past, Scherzer's seeming certainty that he is through the worst of things would be plenty of evidence the future Hall of Famer would be just fine. He always seemed to know exactly what was wrong and how long it would take to fix it; he seemed to know exactly when he was out of harm's way or still at risk. These days require more skepticism. Scherzer has flashed normality at times during his Mets tenure, only to see something disrupt his ability to establish it consistently.

"Max is probably the highlight [today], Max feeling good physically and getting through it," Mets Manager Buck Showalter said. "He hasn't been able to do a lot of cardiovascular work with this, and you could tell he was a little winded there toward the end. But I would have signed in blood for him to get through five innings and get his pitch count up."

Scherzer had not pitched since May 3 because of back soreness, then a neck spasm, and that day he gave up six runs in 3⅓ innings to the Detroit Tigers. Before that, he had not pitched since April 19 because he was serving a 10-game suspension for a sticky pitching hand. From 2015 through 2021, no one threw more innings than Scherzer, and it wasn't close. This year, as of Mother's Day, Scherzer has not thrown enough innings to qualify for league leads.

He dropped his appeal of that suspension, which seemed out of character for a player who once offered to disrobe on the field when it was suggested he might be hiding sticky stuff on his belt. He said publicly he knew any appeal would be heard by Major League Baseball, so even if he repeated his explanation about using only legal substances, he probably wouldn't win. What went unsaid was that serving a suspension gave Scherzer time to figure out how to deal with a balky back before it sent him to the injured list.

Ultimately, he did avoid the injured list. But his return was delayed. So was his next start because Scherzer's neck seized up last week, just like it did before Game 5 of the 2019 World Series, like it did every now and then during his Nationals tenure. In those days, he would wait a day or two and return, no worse for the wear.

Yet as recently as Friday, Showalter was wondering whether Scherzer's spasming neck would withstand a bullpen session. They have legitimate reason to wonder about Scherzer, about his oblique and his back and his neck, about all the things that have forced him to the injured list more times in the year and a half of his Mets career (three) than in his entire career beforehand. His velocity was down in his last start against the Tigers. He was getting fewer swings and misses this year than in any since 2014. His velocity looked better Sunday. The Nationals whiffed on 39 percent of the pitches at which they swung.

"I don't think he had to push to get to [his velocity]. You could see him in his other outings, he'd go get it some when he had to. But you could tell it was max effort to get there," Showalter said. "It was pretty easy for him to get to today. The ball was coming out of his hand; you could tell from the dugout, it was coming out of his hand. You look for late life, and he had that late life he has when he's effective."

So for today — and perhaps for five days from now, too — everything is fine. But no one used to even wonder. Scherzer would say the slew of injuries he has experienced with the Mets is mere coincidence, not the sign of an inevitable physical breakdown. Presented with the idea time might be catching up with him, Scherzer rejected it outright.

"It's baseball. Do you realize how many little things I've dealt with?" Scherzer asked, defiant, at his locker a few weeks ago. "Always. I've gone a whole year with 33 starts and only had three starts where I felt good. The other 30 I dealt with something. I once had a broken finger. I was miserable for a year and didn't miss a start."

Scherzer argued the same thing one afternoon in spring training. He explained, injury by injury, moment by moment, how everything that has gone wrong since he got to the Mets was the result of something identifiable — not something anyone could chalk up to age. He knew exactly when he pushed too hard. He says he knows exactly what he needs to do to manage the back and neck long term. The one thing Scherzer doesn't articulate — the one thing time might best explain — is why those aches and pains never used to stop him.

Maybe he is back for good, fixed and whole, durable again. But the uncomfortable fact for Scherzer and the underachieving Mets is that these days, it is reasonable to wonder.

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Barcelona wins first La Liga title since Messi's departure and first since 2019

BARCELONA 4, ESPANYOL 2

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Barcelona is celebrating winning the La Liga title — and this time without Lionel Messi.

Barcelona lifted its first league trophy after Messi's departure with a 4-2 victory at Espanyol on Sunday in a match marred by Espanyol fans storming the pitch at the end of the game and forcing Barcelona players to head for the locker room.

Robert Lewandowski scored twice to lead the Catalan club to its first league title since 2019. The title was secured with four rounds remaining and two years after Messi left amid the club's financial struggles.

The last time Barcelona had celebrated a league title without Messi on its squad was back in 1998-99. He came into the first team in 2004-05 and won the title that season.

Celebrations on the field were short-lived Sunday as players had to rush to the locker room after a large group of Espanyol fans from the ultra section behind one of the goals started running toward Barcelona players singing and celebrating in the center. Security guards quickly intervened but riot police had to stand in front of the tunnel's entrance to prevent the fans from going in. The supporters threw chairs and other objects.

Alejandro Balde and Jules Koundé also scored for Barcelona, which now has 27 league titles, eight fewer than Real Madrid. Third-place Atlético Madrid is 16 points back after losing at last-place Elche, 1-0, earlier Sunday.

The victory over city rival Espanyol gave Barcelona an insurmountable 85 points from 34 matches, 14 points more than Madrid, which won at Getafe on Saturday.

Barcelona has led since the 13th round and holds the league's best defense with 13 goals conceded — 14 better than any other club. It also has 25 clean sheets.

"It's a magnificent feeling, a feeling of job well done," Barcelona Coach Xavi said. "This is important to give the club's project some stability. The league title shows that things have been done the right way and that we have to stay on this path."

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"It's a magnificent feeling, a feeling of job well done," Coach Xavi said after Barcelona locked up its 27th La Liga championship.

Barcelona won eight league titles in 11 seasons through 2019. It finished second to Madrid in 2020, then third — behind Madrid and champion Atlético — in 2021. It was second to Madrid last season.

• **ENGLAND:** Manchester City is one win from a third straight Premier League title and a fifth in six seasons under Manager Pep Guardiola.

English soccer's dominant force was tested by a new rival in the form of Arsenal, but Mikel Arteta's team buckled under the pressure of trying to keep pace with Guardiola's relentless trophy-winning machine. Arsenal lost, 3-0, to Brighton at Emirates Stadium.

It was the fifth time in seven games that Arsenal dropped points in the closing weeks of the season.

By comparison, City's 3-0 win against Everton earlier in the day extended its unbeaten run to 21 games in all competitions.

Meanwhile, Brentford might have been without 20-goal leading scorer Ivan Toney but still had too much for West Ham.

Bryan Mbeumo and Yoane Wissa struck in a 2-0 win in the Premier League against its London rival. . . .

A world record crowd of 77,390 watched Chelsea beat Manchester United, 1-0, in the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium.

Sam Kerr's 68th-minute strike proved decisive as Chelsea won the trophy for the third straight year to remain in contention for a league and cup double.

• **FRANCE:** Dimitri Payet made the most of a rare start this season to score as Marseille beat relegated Angers, 3-1, keeping pressure on Lens in the race for second in Ligue 1 and an automatic Champions League spot.

Third-place Marseille remained two points behind Lens with three games left.

• **ITALY:** Juventus consolidated the second spot in Serie A with a 2-0 victory over relegation-threatened Cremonese, but midfielder Paul Pogba left the field in tears after injuring his left leg.

• **GERMANY:** Christopher Nkunku starred as Leipzig took a big step toward Champions League qualification by rallying very late to beat Werder Bremen, 2-1, in Bundesliga play.

• **NWSL:** Tyler Lussi scored in the first half to lift the North Carolina Courage to a 1-0 victory over OL Reign in Cary, N.C. . . .

In Kansas City, Kan., Belle Briede scored her first goal of the year as the San Diego Wave defeated the Kansas City Current, 2-0. . . .

NJ/NY Gotham and the Orlando Pride played to a scoreless draw in Harrison, N.J.

BASEBALL

Martinez really wants to see rebuild through

MARTINEZ FROM **D1**

from the literal best of times — the only front-facing holdovers are Patrick Corbin, Victor Robles and . . . Martinez, who has been at the center of a drastic shift in short-term priorities.

And on top of so much roster churn, the team has been dangled for sale since April 2022 and Martinez is in the final season of his contract. There's no guarantee he or his staff will see this rebuild through. The Nationals started the year 1-6 but are 16-17 since after splitting two games against the New York Mets on Sunday. They're growing — really, tangibly growing — but are still a ways from turning the proverbial corner.

So, yeah, in another contract year for him and his coaches, there's a lot on Martinez's mind.

"I don't necessarily think everybody is looking at me," he said. "But the way I feel about them —"

He trailed off and looked down at the wooden table. Martinez is a crier and has never been shy about it. When he pauses mid-sentence like this, it's safe to assume he is blinking away tears, not dealing with the sting of seasonal allergies. Though Martinez does also have really bad seasonal allergies.

"There are so many people behind the scenes that don't get any credit, and their lives could be blown up if they hire a new manager and they bring a whole new group in?" he continued. "I mean, we need to win and get better so people can keep doing their jobs, right? I try to do the right thing for everybody, for all of them. That's training staff, clubhouse, security guys. That's on me. I need to take care of them and their families and their well-being."

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Dave Martinez is leading a rebuilding team with youngsters such as Jake Irvin just a few years after he won a World Series.

'An expert in people'

For Martinez, that feeling, the need to protect everyone around him, originated in two places: his family's Brentwood kitchen and a baseball field in Mesa, Ariz., circa 1984.

As a kid, maybe 10 years old, Martinez would tell his dad good morning and get a grumble in response. How could it be a good morning, Ernie Martinez asked his oldest, when he had to rush off to another job so Martinez could eat three meals a day and play baseball every weekend?

Martinez laughed at the memory, saying Ernie was his own mix of kind and gruff, hard on his son but in a loving way. Ernie always held at least two jobs to provide for Martinez, his three siblings and their mom. He drove a delivery truck, worked for the school district and did some construction with Martinez's uncle, often sleeping a few hours after one shift before heading to the next. And in turn, he expected a lot of Martinez on and off the field. If Martinez slapped three hits in a Little League game, Ernie wanted a fourth. When Martinez slumped in the minors, Ernie met him on the road and turned Martinez's hotel room into a batting cage, using balled-up socks as their baseballs.

Ernie has had four shoulder surgeries because of how much batting practice he threw Martinez and his brothers. Quietly, daily, he set the course of Martinez's entire playing and coaching career.

"Make sure everyone around you feels like they are the most important person in the world," Martinez said of what his dad taught him most. "And work to make them feel that way every day."

Then a few years later, Joe Maddon was a 30-year-old manager in the California Angels' minor league system, throwing batting practice during instructional league in Mesa. And that's when Gene Mauch, the longtime manager, raised his finger to subtly call Maddon over.

What Mauch told Maddon — "You've created a great atmosphere around here" — was the start and end of the conversation. But when Martinez agreed to be a spring training instructor for Maddon in 2006, he noticed how Maddon focused on each person who played and worked for what were then the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Maddon's superpower, Martinez recalled, was knowing what motivated every single one of them.

"I asked Davey to come on for one reason, honestly: The Devil Rays had no culture and did not play very good baseball, and I had watched him play for years and loved every second of it," Maddon said in a recent phone interview. "I needed him with me to show the players how it's done. And when he became my bench coach, he handled problems that I didn't hear about until weeks, months later. He is an expert in people."

'We can still do that'

Martinez called his dad "the MVP of my life." He called Maddon his "big brother." From both of them, he learned to understand motivation, how it comes in different shapes, how it is critical to reaching his players, especially in another rebuilding season. When Martinez had Zimmerman and Scherzer to run the clubhouse, he was more hands-off, letting his veterans deliver the message, should one need to be delivered. But in his sixth year managing the Nationals, his catcher is 24, his middle infielders are both 22 and his two brightest starters are 24 and 25.

The blanket goal for players, managers and coaches is to win the game in front of them. For the Nationals, though, the immediate goal is another thing that has changed.

"Back in spring training, we were in his office one day, and I asked him: 'Your whole thing in 2019 was let's go 1-0, right?' " recalled longtime friend Tim Bogar, Martinez's bench coach since 2020. "That's how we won the World Series, stacking each day on top of the one before it. We can still do that, I told him, it just has to be in a slightly different way for now. Maybe it's Luis García covering second base the right way after screwing it up twice in a row. Maybe it's Josiah Gray getting out of a jam in the sixth.

"Then eventually we're going to start winning a lot of games again. It's not always easy when you've won and want to keep winning but have to stay patient with the process with a young group. But one of Davey's biggest strengths is that he really, really believes it will happen."

Through six weeks, Martinez has often walked a tightrope between the present and future. Chasing wins, perhaps more wins than the staff ever expected this early, has led to some peculiar bullpen decisions, such as when he taxed Hunter Harvey, Kyle Finnegan and Mason Thompson and went against the plan of carefully managing their innings in a season that probably is not destined for the playoffs. But before welcoming the Mets, the Nationals had won four of their past six series. That's a step in the right direction, however minor, even if it almost certainly will be balanced by less encouraging results. When Martinez sat down for breakfast in midtown Manhattan in late April, he felt his players were starting to see the potential he does. Naturally, this made him teary, too.

He leaned forward in his chair and told a story from earlier in the month. CJ Abrams, his 22-year-old shortstop, and Dominic Smith, his 27-year-old first baseman, were fighting themselves at the plate. So before the team left for a trip to Minneapolis and New York, Martinez called them into his office for a chat.

Martinez hit .139 as a rookie with the Chicago Cubs in 1986. He often recites that stat, knowing firsthand the pressure Abrams must feel. For that reason, he centered the conversation on Abrams, telling him to break down his season into 10 at-bats at a time. In 10 at-bats, Martinez asked Abrams, could he work one walk? In the remaining nine, could he slap three hits? For one of them, let's say when facing a tough lefty, could he drop down a bunt and use his speed to reach first? In one or two of the others, could he advance a runner with a grounder to the right side or a sacrifice fly?

Over and over, Abrams nodded. Smith sat and listened. Martinez thought Abrams would be motivated in two ways: distilling his numbers into a more manageable sample and having the chance to impress Smith, a veteran he respects, because he heard the advice. As for Smith, Martinez felt he would be motivated by being tapped to be a mentor. He knocked out two meetings in one. About a week later, Smith referenced the 10-at-bats strategy in a postgame interview.

"Against the Twins, I think CJ was 3 for 10 with a walk . . . hit a bomb, had three RBI," Martinez recalled. "So I said, 'Hey, how do you think you did in 10 at-bats?' He was like, 'Good, Skip.' I said: 'Nah, man. Damn f---ing good.' "

'I just love the game'

Martinez comes to this diner because it's familiar, because unlike everything else around him, it hasn't changed a bit. The employees know him well, meaning they know not to talk too much about baseball. After taking his usual order of eggs over medium, hash browns and bacon, extra crispy, the waiter drops his voice to say, "Yes, coach." In the nearly three hours Martinez spent by the front window, a black hat pulled down near his eyes, one person stopped to thank him for representing their city.

"I am obsessed with the game. That's what has always motivated me. I had people tell me I was too small and never going to make it. I mean, I interviewed for five or six manager jobs. The skinny kid from New York and Florida turned into a bench coach who wasn't fit to be a manager, you know? Different times, different jobs, same story. . . .

"But I just love the game. My Zen is the field. It's the white lines. It's the dugout, the grass. Like, I think I could draw two white lines on the grass at my farm in Tennessee and feel right at home."

After motivation, he is asked about legacy, about how his overall record — now 338-410, not counting the postseason — might reflect on him because it includes much more losing than winning. He dropped his eyes again and chewed on it. His answer came out as a request to stick around.

"I don't know when this is going to be over, but I want it to last as long as it possibly can," Martinez said of managing the Nationals. "If something doesn't work out here beyond this season, which in my heart I still believe it will, there will be other opportunities in some capacity. But they'll have to strip the uniform away from me because I love this job. I didn't even want to get into this, then all of a sudden Joe calls me up, and, man —"

The diner door flung open and a crush of people walked in. A waiter asked whether Martinez wanted more coffee, and he declined.

"And then all of a sudden I'm here, I guess. It feels like I just blinked."

Keller looks dominant, strikes out 13 against O's

PIRATES 4, ORIOLES 0

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

BALTIMORE — The seven-inning gem that Baltimore Orioles starter Tyler Wells delivered Saturday would normally be the best start of a series. But not this weekend.

Pittsburgh Pirates ace Mitch Keller one-upped Wells on Sunday, striking out 13 across seven dominant innings to hand the Orioles a 4-0 loss.

Keller shut down an Orioles team that had won four straight games. The right-hander scattered four singles and didn't walk a batter in front of a Mother's Day crowd of 36,403.

"We saw the video coming in and watched a lot of him, but that in person might be the best pitching performance of the season. That was a pitching clinic," Manager Brandon Hyde said. "We just had a tough time with him offensively. Tip your hat. That was an outstanding pitching performance."

Only Anthony Santander and Austin Hays avoided striking out against Keller, and Gunnar Henderson, Ryan Mountcastle and Kyle Stowers struck out three times apiece off the Pittsburgh starter. Baltimore got only two runners in scoring position against Keller, who lowered his ERA to 2.38.

Starting pitcher Kyle Gibson struggled but got through five innings while allowing seven hits, three walks and four runs. The Pirates (22-19) scored one run in the first and three in the third to provide Keller with more than enough offense.

While the Orioles couldn't complete their third sweep of the season, the series victory is the club's ninth out of its past 10.

— Baltimore Sun

Nationals win resumed game, then fall to Mets later in the day

NATIONALS FROM **D1**

first run on an RBI double in the second inning. The ball nearly carried out of the park but bounced off the right field wall, and Washington led 1-0.

That lead lasted four innings, until the Mets scored eight runs in the fifth and eventually won, 8-2. Jake Irvin, who entered his third career start sporting a 0.84 ERA, struggled with command his third time through the order. The right-hander allowed three runs in the fifth and hit Pete Alonso to load the bases before he was pulled from the game. Mason Thompson entered, and five more runs followed.

If there has been one knock on Irvin through his first three starts, it has been his inability to generate swings and misses. On Sunday, he got only six whiffs in 40 swings.

"I just made a couple pitches that, looking back on and in the moment, I wish I would have gone with something different," Irvin said. "Not convicted totally in the pitch I was throwing, and at the end of the day, you can't do that."

Abrams went 2 for 4 in the second game, adding an RBI single in the eighth.

Sunday's at-bats were encouraging signs for Abrams, who hasn't hit for much power this year. He entered the day with four doubles, two triples and two homers. Abrams has been at his best this season when hitting balls low in the zone, while his kryptonite has been chases up in the zone. His chase rate is around 41.8 percent; Martinez has used 30 percent as a benchmark for where he wants his hitters to be.

"Been in the gym," Abrams said with a laugh about his power. "Just keeping it simple, hitting my pitch. Not getting myself out, that's the biggest thing. Probably just swinging at strikes."

Abrams didn't chase when he hit an RBI single in the fourth inning of the first game. He saw two balls well outside of the zone before taking a low fastball right on the edge for a called strike that could have gone either way. Then he stayed on top of the baseball to line a hit into right field to give Washington a 2-1 lead.

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Starling Marte (6) and the Mets routed the Nationals in the second game at Nationals Park. Marte went 2 for 4 with a pair of RBI.

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. New York Mets		
Today	4:05	MASN2
at Miami Marlins		
Tomorrow	6:40	MASN
Wednesday	6:40	MASN
Thursday	1:10	MASN
vs. Detroit Tigers		
Friday	7:05	MASN
Saturday	4:05	MASN2
Sunday	1:35	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

Play resumed Sunday after Saturday's game was suspended following a nearly four-hour rain delay. Fans kept waiting at the park for the game to resume Saturday, and after the grounds crew removed the tarp just before 7 p.m., it seemed the game would take place. But the managers deemed the field not playable, and the game was called a few minutes after 8:30.

On Sunday the situation was the same at the start — runners on second and third with one out in the third inning — but the conditions were different.

Erasmo Ramirez was on the mound instead of Trevor Williams. It was a sunny afternoon. There were no puddles popping up around players in the infield.

The Nationals clung to a 1-0 lead after Joey Meneses hit an RBI single in the first. Williams had allowed a double right before the delay to put runners on second and third. So there was Ramirez on Sunday — with fewer fans in attendance — trying to limit the damage Williams had left. Nimmo got the Mets on the board with a sacrifice fly on the first pitch Ramirez threw.

But Ramirez struck out Jeff McNeil to keep the game tied at one. He had to put out his own fire in the fourth after allowing three straight singles, striking out Daniel Vogelbach before getting Luis Guillorme to pop out. Abrams's RBI single came later that inning.

The Nationals carried the lead into the seventh inning when Martinez turned to Carl Edwards Jr., who earned the loss Friday after allowing a three-run single to Francisco Lindor. On Sunday, he allowed a pair of hits to put runners on second and third.

Martinez next turned to Hunter Harvey, who allowed a sacrifice fly to McNeil before getting Lindor to fly out to center. Abrams's homer ensured the Nationals got their lead right back.

Harvey followed with a clean eighth before Kyle Finnegan entered for the ninth. Finnegan allowed two runners to reach but closed the door when Alex Call tracked down a flyball into the left-center gap. And many, many hours after the game began, it was finally over.

"Yeah, this was a gritty win for us, and I think that's kind of been our identity so far this year," Finnegan said. "You're not going to put us away. We're going to stick around even if it takes, what, 20 hours to get a win? . . . We've had a lot of these low-scoring, tight games, and to be able to come away with one today is huge for our confidence."

Note: The Nationals selected Cory Abbott as their 27th man for the second game. Martinez said the team brought both Abbott and Joan Adon — who Martinez said would be the team's 27th man Saturday night — to Washington, then chose Abbott after the first game. Abbott tossed two scoreless innings in the loss.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	25	15	.625	—	5-5	L-4
Philadelphia	20	20	.500	5	5-5	L-1
Miami	20	21	.488	5½	4-6	W-1
New York	20	21	.488	5½	4-6	W-1
Washington	17	23	.425	8	5-5	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	23	17	.575	—	5-5	W-3
Pittsburgh	22	19	.537	1½	2-8	W-1
Chicago	19	21	.475	4	4-6	L-2
Cincinnati	18	22	.450	5	5-5	L-1
St. Louis	16	25	.390	7½	6-4	W-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	26	15	.634	—	8-2	W-5
Arizona	23	18	.561	3	6-4	W-3
San Diego	19	22	.463	7	3-7	L-5
San Francisco	17	23	.425	8½	4-6	L-3
Colorado	17	24	.415	9	6-4	W-1

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	31	11	.738	—	5-5	W-1
Baltimore	26	14	.650	4	6-4	L-1
Toronto	24	16	.600	6	6-4	W-3
New York	23	19	.548	8	6-4	L-1
Boston	22	19	.537	8½	5-5	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	23	18	.561	—	6-4	W-2
Cleveland	19	21	.475	3½	5-5	W-2
Detroit	18	21	.462	4	6-4	W-1
Chicago	14	28	.333	9½	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	12	30	.286	11½	4-6	L-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	25	15	.625	—	7-3	W-2
Houston	21	19	.525	4	5-5	W-1
Los Angeles	21	20	.512	4½	4-6	L-2
Seattle	20	20	.500	5	6-4	L-1
Oakland	9	33	.214	17	3-7	L-2

GAME 1

Nationals 3, Mets 2

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.322
McNeil lf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.266
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Baty 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.254
Marte rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.227
Vogelbach dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.256
Guillorme 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Pérez c	4	1	4	0	0	0	1.00
TOTALS	36	2	11	2	0	7	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.280
García 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Meneses dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.286
Ruiz c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.248
Call cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.233
Do.Smith 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.271
Candelario 3b	2	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Garrett lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Abrams ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.242
TOTALS	31	3	10	3	2	3	—

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WASHINGTON	100 100 10X	—	3	10	0

LOB: New York 9, Washington 9. **2B:** Pérez (1), Nimmo (9), Ruiz (6), Candelario (9). **HR:** Abrams (3), off Leone. **RBI:** Nimmo (16), McNeil (13), Meneses (18), Abrams 2 (19). **SF:** Nimmo, McNeil. **S:** García.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lucchesi	2	4	1	1	1	0	31	4.43
Nogosek	3	2	1	1	1	2	46	4.50
Leone	2	3	1	1	0	0	22	4.76
Santana	1	1	0	0	0	1	23	6.23

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams	2⅓	2	1	1	0	1	35	4.23
Ramírez	2⅔	4	0	0	0	4	44	4.03
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	5.62
Edwards Jr.	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	11	2.93
Harvey	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.96
Finnegan	1	2	0	0	0	1	17	6.28

WP: Harvey (2-0); **LP:** Leone (0-1); **S:** Finnegan (8). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ramírez 2-1, Harvey 2-1. **HBP:** Nogosek (Garrett), Santana (Candelario). **T:** 2:30. **A:** 24,336 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS FIRST
Lane Thomas singles. Luis Garcia out on a sacrifice bunt. Lane Thomas to second. **Joey Meneses singles, Lane Thomas scores.** Keibert Ruiz doubles. Joey Meneses to third. Alex Call walks. Dominic Smith grounds out.
Nationals 1, Mets 0
METS THIRD
Daniel Vogelbach singles. Luis Guillorme flies out. Michael Perez doubles. Daniel Vogelbach to third. **Brandon Nimmo out on a sacrifice fly, Michael Perez to third, Daniel Vogelbach scores.** Jeff McNeil strikes out swinging.
Mets 1, Nationals 1
NATIONALS FOURTH
Alex Call strikes out swinging. Dominic Smith flies out. Jeimer Candelario walks. Stone Garrett hit by pitch. Jeimer Candelario to second. **CJ Abrams singles, Stone Garrett to second, Jeimer Candelario scores.** Lane Thomas lines out.
Nationals 2, Mets 1
METS SEVENTH
Luis Guillorme grounds out Michael Perez singles. Brandon Nimmo doubles. Michael Perez to third. **Jeff McNeil out on a sacrifice fly, Michael Perez scores.** Francisco Lindor flies out.
Mets 2, Nationals 2
NATIONALS SEVENTH
CJ Abrams homers. Lane Thomas singles. Luis Garcia flies out. Joey Meneses flies out. Keibert Ruiz flies out.
Nationals 3, Mets 2

GAME 2

Mets 8, Nationals 2

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.320
Escobar ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.182
McNeil 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Lindor ss	5	1	2	1	0	1	.223
Alonso 1b	2	1	0	0	2	2	.232
Baty 3b	4	1	0	1	1	0	.240
Marte rf	4	2	2	2	0	2	.235
Canha lf	4	1	3	2	0	0	.236
Pham cf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.200
Álvarez c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.217
TOTALS	36	8	10	7	4	9	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.272
García 2b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.265
Meneses dh	4	0	1	0	1	2	.285
Candelario 3b	3	0	0	0	2	1	.211
Alu lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Garrett ph-lf	2	1	0	0	0	1	.266
Do.Smith 1b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.263
Call cf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.235
Abrams ss	4	0	2	2	0	0	.250
Adams c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.192
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	6	11	—

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WASHINGTON	010 000 010	—	2	7	1

E: Adams (2). **LOB:** New York 6, Washington 13. **2B:** Lindor (13), Canha 2 (10), Abrams (5). **RBI:** Canha 2 (12), Nimmo (17), Lindor (31), Baty (7), Marte 2 (10), Abrams 2 (21). **SB:** Thomas (4), Marte (10).

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scherzer	5	2	1	1	2	6	83	4.88
Raley	1	0	0	0	3	1	33	4.38
Brigham	1	1	0	0	0	2	15	2.77
Muckenhirn	2	4	1	1	1	2	40	2.45

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin	4⅔	6	6	6	1	6	90	4.11
Thompson	⅓	2	2	2	1	0	17	4.43
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1	20	5.40
Ward	1	0	0	0	1	1	15	4.91
Abbott	2	1	0	0	1	1	29	2.25

WP: Scherzer (3-2); **LP:** Irvin (1-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Thompson 3-3. **HBP:** Scherzer (Thomas), Irvin (Alonso), Muckenhirn (Garrett). **WP:** Scherzer, Abbott. **PB:** Adams (2). **T:** 2:58. **A:** 21,507 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS SECOND
Jake Alu grounds out. Dominic Smith walks. Alex Call strikes out swinging. **CJ Abrams doubles, Dominic Smith scores.** Riley Adams strikes out swinging.
Nationals 1, Mets 0
METS FIFTH
Starling Marte singles. **Mark Canha doubles, Starling Marte scores.** Tommy Pham walks. Francisco Alvarez called out on strikes. **Brandon Nimmo singles, Tommy Pham to third, Mark Canha scores.** Jeff McNeil strikes out swinging. **Francisco Lindor singles, Brandon Nimmo to second, Tommy Pham scores.** Pete Alonso hit by pitch. Francisco Lindor to second. Brandon Nimmo to third. **Brett Baty walks, Pete Alonso to second, Francisco Lindor to third, Brandon Nimmo scores. Starling Marte singles, Brett Baty to third, Pete Alonso scores, Francisco Lindor scores. Throwing error by Riley Adams, Starling Marte steals second, Brett Baty scores. Mark Canha singles, Starling Marte scores.** Tommy Pham reaches on a fielder's choice. Mark Canha out at second.
Mets 8, Nationals 1
NATIONALS EIGHTH
Jeimer Candelario pops out. Stone Garrett hit by pitch. Dominic Smith flies out. Alex Call singles. Stone Garrett to second. **CJ Abrams singles, Alex Call to second, Stone Garrett scores.** Riley Adams walks. CJ Abrams to second. Alex Call to third. Lane Thomas grounds out.
Mets 8, Nationals 2

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Monday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
Robles	.292	26	4	0	8	10
Vargas	.292	7	1	0	5	1
Meneses	.285	47	7	2	18	7
Thomas	.272	40	4	4	18	10
Garrett	.266	17	3	1	7	4
García	.265	35	5	3	16	10
Smith	.263	36	2	1	8	18
Abrams	.250	32	5	3	21	6
Chavis	.250	6	0	0	1	2
Ruiz	.248	32	6	3	12	10
Call	.235	31	5	3	16	19
Candelario	.211	31	9	4	14	11
Adams	.192	5	1	1	5	2

Pirates 4, Orioles 0

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	5	1	1	0	0	2	.246
Reynolds lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.293
Santana 1b	5	0	0	1	0	1	.239
Suwinski cf-rf	2	1	1	0	2	1	.235
Hayes 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.235
Marcano ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Castro ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Bae 2b-cf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.243
Palacios rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Joe ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Owings ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Hedges c	2	0	1	0	2	1	.150
TOTALS	34	4	7	4	4	10	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.267
Santander dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Henderson 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.178
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.250
Frazier 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Hays lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.302
Stowers rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.067
McCann c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.204
J.Ortiz ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Rutschman ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.287
TOTALS	35	0	7	0	0	17	—

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BALTIMORE	000 000 000	—	0	7	1

E: Hayes (2), Henderson (5). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 8, Baltimore 9. **2B:** Henderson (4). **RBI:** Santana (21), Hayes (10), Bae 2 (11). **SB:** Santander (1), Reynolds (6). **CS:** Bae (4).

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	7	4	0	0	0	13	2.38
Holderman	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.81
Bednar	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.56

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson	5	7	4	4	3	5	4.67
Baumann	2	0	0	0	1	3	3.43
Pérez	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.30
Voth	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.95

WP: Keller (5-1); **LP:** Gibson (4-3). **HBP:** Keller (Santander), Voth (Reynolds). **WP:** Gibson. **T:** 2:37. **A:** 36,403 (45,971).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Monday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
McKenna	.308	12	3	1	6	1
Hays	.302	38	9	4	13	9
Rutschman	.287	41	6	6	22	32
Urías	.278	27	7	1	16	11
Mullins	.267	39	8	5	31	21
Mateo	.264	29	6	6	20	7
Santander	.255	36	12	5	20	14
Mountcastle	.250	42	10	8	27	7
Vavra	.231	6	0	0	0	4
Frazier	.226	26	5	3	14	17
O'Hearn	.208	5	1	0	6	3
McCann	.204	11	2	2	5	1

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Mad bro

The Phillies' Bryce Harper is restrained after charging at the Rockies' dugout in response to a taunt by Colorado relief pitcher Jake Bird in the seventh inning. Harper was ejected, and Philadelphia lost, 4-0.

Rockies 4, Phillies 0

Philadelphia star Bryce Harper was ejected for charging Colorado's dugout after Kyle Freeland dominated for six innings on his 30th birthday.

Harper appeared to respond to Rockies reliever Jake Bird, who clapped a hand against his glove and said something toward the Phillies' dugout after the last out of the top of the seventh. Bird also was ejected.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.284
Turner ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.262
Harper dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.333
Clemens ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.184
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.316
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.178
Realmuto c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.291
Bohm 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.270
Marsh cf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.295
Sosa 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
TOTALS	34	0	7	0	3	11	—

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	2	2	0	0	0	.282
Profar lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.230
Bryant rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.301
Cron 1b	2	0	0	1	0	0	.228
Moustakas 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Díaz c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.328
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Castro 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Doyle cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.205
TOTALS	30	4	6	3	1	5	—

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E: Turner (5), Sosa (5), McMahon (3). **LOB:** Philadelphia 10, Colorado 3. **2B:** Realmuto (11), Blackmon (9). **HR:** Doyle (2), off Nola.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	7	6	4	4	1	4	4.53
Vasquez	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.59

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Freeland	6	4	0	0	1	8	3.16
Bird	1	0	0	0	2	0	3.00
Lawrence	2	3	0	0	0	3	1.99

WP: Freeland (4-4); **LP:** Nola (3-3). **T:** 2:33. **A:** 30,325 (50,144).

Guardians 4, Angels 3

Josh Naylor hit a three-run homer in the eighth — his third go-ahead homer in three days in that same inning — and Cleveland held on to beat Los Angeles.

After the Angels intentionally walked José Ramírez to face him, Naylor drove a 2-0 pitch from reliever Carlos Estévez over the wall in right for his latest late-inning heroics.

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Moniak cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.500
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.287
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Ward lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.240
Drury 1b-2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Thaiss c-1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.291
Urshela 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.283
Rengifo 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Trout ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Okey c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Neto ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	31	3	5	3	0	8	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.274
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Ramírez 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.285
Naylor dh	4	2	2	3	0	0	.214
Bell 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.223
Giménez 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.234
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.173
Brennan rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Straw cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.228
TOTALS	30	4	7	3	1	5	—

L.A.	000 000 012	—	3	5	1
CLEVELAND	010 000 03X	—	4	7	0

E: Neto 2 (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 2, Cleveland 5. **2B:** Neto (6), Ramírez (12). **HR:** Naylor (6), off Estévez.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sandoval	7⅔	5	3	2	1	5	3.22
Estévez	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	1.42

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bibee	7⅔	2	1	1	0	7	3.22
Karinchak	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.82
Clase	1	3	2	2	0	1	2.95

WP: Karinchak (1-4); **LP:** Sandoval (3-2); **S:** Clase (14). **Inherited runners-scored:** Estévez 2-2, Karinchak 1-0. **IBB:** off Sandoval (Ramírez). **HBP:** Sandoval (Giménez), Bibee (Drury). **T:** 2:13. **A:** 23,175 (34,788).

Rays 8, Yankees 7

Taylor Walls hit a tie-breaking grand slam in the fifth inning and Jose Siri caught Aaron Judge's fly in front of the center field wall for the final out as Tampa Bay and New York split a four-game series.

Walls fell a double shy of the cycle.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	1	1	1	0	0	0	.321
Paredes 1b	1	2	1	1	1	0	.280
Franco ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.301
B.Lowe 2b	3	1	1	2	1	1	.189
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.320
J.Lowe rf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.306
Walls 3b	4	1	3	4	0	1	.281
Raley dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.269
Bethancourt c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.227
Siri cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.219
TOTALS	33	8	9	8	4	10	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bauers lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.292
Torres ph-2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Judge rf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.261
Rizzo 1b	3	1	1	2	1	2	.312
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.276
Bader cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.333
Calhoun dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Volpe ss	4	1	2	2	0	2	.218
Trevino c	4	1	0	0	0	1	.202
Cabrera 2b-lf	4	2	3	2	0	0	.220
TOTALS	37	7	12	7	1	11	—

TAMPA BAY	102 050 000	—	8	9	0
NEW YORK	004 000 120	—	7	12	2

E: Cabrera (2), LeMahieu (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 6, New York 4. **2B:** Díaz (8), Siri (4). **3B:** Walls (2). **HR:** Walls (7), off Abreu; Cabrera (3), off Eflin; Rizzo (9), off Eflin; Volpe (6), off Kelley.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin	6	7	4	4	1	9	3.38
Poche	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	1.84
Kelly	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	4.98
Kelley	1	2	2	2	0	0	9.00
Adam	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.59

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt	4⅔	6	7	7	3	5	6.30
Abreu	2⅓	2	1	1	1	3	4.95
Weber	1	1	0	0	0	0	9.00
Marinaccio	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.50

WP: Eflin (5-1); **LP:** Schmidt (1-4); **S:** Adam (5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kelly 1-1, Abreu 3-3. **HBP:** Abreu (Paredes), Weber (Paredes). **WP:** Schmidt. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 42,116 (47,309).

Marlins 3, Reds 1

Bryan De La Cruz doubled twice, singled and drove in a run to help Miami beat Cincinnati to snap a five-game home losing streak.

Garrett Cooper's RBI double and De La Cruz's run-scoring single in the seventh broke a 1-1 tie.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.295
Senzel 3b-cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.271
Steer 1b-3b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.241
Stephenson dh	4	0	0	1	0	3	.257
Fairchild cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Fraley ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.267
Ramos lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Myers rf-1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.202
Newman ss	3	0	2	0	1	0	.237
Maile c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.258
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	5	11	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Berti ss	5	0	2	0	0	0	.271
Cooper 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.281
Arraez 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.382
Soler dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.239
De La Cruz lf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.280
Segura 3b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.190
Burdick rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.200
Fortes c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Hampson cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.262
TOTALS	35	3	11	3	2	9	—

CINCINNATI	000 001 000	—	1	5	1
MIAMI	000 001 20X	—	3	11	0

E: Newman (2), Fortes (4). **LOB:** Cincinnati 8, Miami 10. **2B:** Newman (2), Myers (3), De La Cruz 2 (8), Hampson (8), Cooper (3).

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Weaver	5⅓	7	1	1	1	6	6.26
Herget	1	1	1	1	0	1	2.31
Busenitz	⅔	3	1	1	1	1	13.5
Bracho	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garrett	5	3	1	1	1	8	5.40
Hoeing	1	0	0	0	2	0	4.40
Scott	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.91
Brazoban	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	1.93
Okert	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.61
Floro	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.95

WP: Scott (3-1); **LP:** Herget (1-1); **S:** Floro (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Herget 1-0, Busenitz 1-1, Hoeing 2-1, Okert 2-0. **IBB:** off Hoeing (Fraley), off Busenitz (Soler). **HBP:** Garrett (Ramos). **T:** 2:52. **A:** 11,216 (37,446).

Tigers 5, Mariners 3

Riley Greene had three hits, Javier Báez drove in two runs, and Detroit beat Seattle to avoid a three-game sweep.

Akil Baddoo knocked in the tying run for the Tigers with a double in the sixth.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.250
France 1b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.273
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	1	1	2	.215
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.219
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Raleigh ph-c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.212
Hernández rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.229
Caballero 2b	1	0	1	0	2	0	.295
Wong ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Pollock dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.139
Kelenic ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Haggerty lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.121
TOTALS	37	3	10	2	4	9	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry 2b	2	1	1	0	1	0	.273
Schoop ph-2b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.213
Greene cf	5	1	3	0	0	1	.279
Báez ss	5	0	1	2	0	0	.254
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Maton dh	3	0	0	1	0	2	.153
Ibáñez 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.295
Baddoo lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.241
Vierling rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Rogers c	2	1	1	0	2	0	.192
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	5	5	—

SEATTLE	003 000 000	—	3	10	1
DETROIT	101 001 20X	—	5	9	0

E: Murphy (2). **LOB:** Seattle 12, Detroit 10. **2B:** Raleigh (6), Rogers (4), Ibáñez (5), Baddoo (6).

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert	5⅔	6	3	3	1	4	3.91
Gott	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	1.80
Speier	⅓	1	2	2	1	1	1.84
Brash	⅓	0	0	0	2	0	5.00
Then	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	0.00

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentz	2⅔	6	3	3	1	3	6.38
Cisnero	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.14
Englert	2	2	0	0	1	0	4.18
Foley	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.56
Shreve	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.96
Lange	1	0	0	0	2	2	1.06

WP: Foley (1-1); **LP:** Speier (1-1); **S:** Lange (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gott 1-1, Brash 2-2, Then 3-0, Cisnero 2-0. **HBP:** Brash (Maton). **WP:** Gilbert(3). **PB:** Rogers (1). **T:** 2:50. **A:** 20,160 (41,083).

Blue Jays 6, Braves 5

Danny Jansen hit a two-run single in the ninth inning, and Toronto rallied to beat Atlanta and complete a three-game sweep. Ozzie Albies hit a two-run home run for the Braves, who have lost nine straight against the Blue Jays.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.346
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.227
Albies 2b	5	1	1	2	0	2	.259
Riley 3b	4	0	2	0	1	2	.247
d'Arnaud c	5	0	1	0	0	1	.302
Ozuna dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.170
Pillar lf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.269
Harris II cf	4	0	1	1	0	3	.217
Arcia ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.313
TOTALS	39	5	10	5	4	12	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.225
Bichette ss	3	0	0	0	2	1	.320
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.315
Varsho cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.228
Chapman 3b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.317
Merrifield lf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.281
Belt dh	5	0	3	1	0	1	.244
Jansen c	5	1	2	2	0	0	.182
Espinal 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.175
TOTALS	40	6	13	6	4	6	—

ATLANTA	112 100 000	—	5	10	3
TORONTO	030 100 002	—	6	13	2

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Albies (2), Olson (2), Pillar (1), Chapman 2 (4). **LOB:** Atlanta 11, Toronto 12. **2B:** Ozuna (2), Varsho (8). **HR:** Acuña Jr. (8), off Kikuchi; Albies (10), off Kikuchi; Pillar (4), off Kikuchi; Springer (5), off Tonkin.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McHugh	1⅔	6	3	0	2	2	3.00
Tonkin	3⅓	3	1	1	0	2	2.01
Chavez	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.16
Yates	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.07
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.12
Iglesias	⅔	3	2	2	1	0	10.8

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi	4	9	5	4	0	7	3.89
Bass	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.00
Jackson	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Richards	2	1	0	0	1	3	4.50
Pearson	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.35

WP: Pearson (1-0); **LP:** Iglesias (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Tonkin 3-0, Bass 1-0. **WP:** Kikuchi, Bass. **T:** 3:04. **A:** 40,895 (49,282).

Astros 4, White Sox 3

Yainer Diaz hit his first major league home run as Houston got its fourth win in five games.

Houston is 21-19 without injured second baseman Jose Altuve, left fielder Michael Brantley and starters Luis Garcia, José Urquidy and Lance McCullers Jr.

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Dubón ss-2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.291
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.204
Alvarez lf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.288
Tucker rf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.271
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.214
Diaz dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.217
McCormick cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Hensley 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.137
Peña ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Maldonado c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.191
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	0	8	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.260
Benintendi lf	2	0	1	0	2	1	.267
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Moncada 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.300
Robert Jr. cf	4	2	2	1	0	2	.275
Sheets rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.253
Marisnick rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Burger dh	4	1	2	2	0	2	.239
Alberto 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Zavala c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.159
Haseley ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.258
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	2	13	—

HOUSTON	300 100 000	—	4	9	0
CHICAGO	000 102 000	—	3	7	1

E: Anderson (2). **LOB:** Houston 4, Chicago 7. **2B:** Alvarez (8), Tucker (6), Benintendi (10), Robert Jr. (11). **HR:** Diaz (1), off Giolito; Robert Jr. (11), off Brown; Burger (8), off Brown.

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown	5⅔	7	3	3	1	8	3.43
Martinez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.70
Neris	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.56
B.Abreu	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.33
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.63

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito	6	7	4	4	0	6	3.86
Santos	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.45
Bummer	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	9.45
López	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	7.64

WP: Brown (4-1); **LP:** Giolito (2-3); **S:** Pressly (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** López 1-0. **HBP:** B.Abreu (Moncada). **T:** 2:33. **A:** 18,347 (40,241).

Twins 16, Cubs 3

Trevor Larnach hit a three-run homer, Joey Gallo homered for the second straight game and Louie Varland pitched 6⅓ solid innings for Minnesota in a win against Chicago.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Morel cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.381
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.275
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.303
Suzuki rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.267
Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.240
Mancini dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	.256
Mervis 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.219
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.312
Madrigal 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.253
TOTALS	33	3	6	3	1	9	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gallo lf	5	1	1	2	0	0	.209
Taylor cf	1	1	1	2	0	0	.242
Kirilloff 1b	6	2	2	0	0	2	.409
Correa ss	5	1	2	2	0	1	.207
Castro ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Buxton dh	5	2	2	0	0	2	.222
Polanco 2b	2	1	1	0	3	0	.264
Larnach rf	4	2	2	4	1	0	.234
Farmer 3b	5	2	3	2	0	1	.286
Gordon cf-lf	5	2	2	2	0	1	.170
Vázquez c	4	2	2	2	1	1	.225
TOTALS	42	16	18	16	5	8	—

CHICAGO	000 100 200	—	3	6	0
MINNESOTA	107 000 17X	—	16	18	0

LOB: Chicago 4, Minnesota 7. **2B:** Swanson (11), Correa (9), Farmer (2), Gordon 2 (5), Kirilloff (2), Polanco (6), Larnach (4). **HR:** Morel (3), off Varland; Suzuki (2), off Varland; Larnach (4), off Stroman; Gallo (9), off Rucker; Taylor (5), off Mastrobuoni.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman	2⅔	7	6	6	2	3	3.24
Rucker	1⅓	2	2	2	1	1	3.38
Thompson	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.95
Merryweather	⅔	2	1	1	2	1	6.14
Hughes	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.86
Fulmer	⅔	3	3	3	0	1	6.75
Mastrobuoni	⅓	4	4	4	0	0	108.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Varland	6⅓	4	3	3	1	7	4.30
Pagán	⅔	2	0	0	0	1	3.86
J.López	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
Alcala	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.46

WP: Varland (1-0); **LP:** Stroman (2-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Rucker 1-1, Hughes 3-0, Mastrobuoni 1-1, Pagán 1-1. **WP:** Fulmer, Varland. **T:** 2:45. **A:** 33,419 (38,544).

Brewers 9, Royals 6

Christian Yelich homered in the first inning and scored on a bizarre play as part of Milwaukee's seven-run outburst in the third as the Brewers defeated Kansas City.

Brice Turang added a three-run shot and Mike Brosseau also homered as Milwaukee completed a three-game sweep.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Witt Jr. dh	5	1	2	3	0	2	.233
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.269
Perez c	4	2	2	1	0	2	.301
Melendez rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.221
Garcia ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Pratto lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.350
Dozier 3b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.197
Massey 2b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.218
Eaton cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.048
TOTALS	33	6	8	6	4	9	—

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	2	2	2	0	1	.262
Winker dh	2	1	0	0	1	1	.218
Brosseau ph-dh	1	1	1	1	0	0	.236
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Tellez 1b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.244
Miller 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.314
Caratini c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Turang 2b	3	1	1	3	0	1	.243
T.Taylor rf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.200
Wiemer cf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.203
TOTALS	30	9	6	7	3	11	—

KANSAS CITY	121 000 002	—	6	8	2
MILWAUKEE	107 000 10X	—	9	6	1

E: Eaton (1), Garcia (1), Adames (6). **LOB:** Kansas City 5, Milwaukee 0. **2B:** Witt Jr. (7), Miller (6). **HR:** Perez (9), off Rea; Dozier (2), off Lauer; Witt Jr. (7), off Lauer; Yelich (7), off Lyles; Turang (3), off Cuas; Brosseau (4), off Garrett.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles	2⅓	4	7	7	3	2	7.14
Cuas	1⅔	1	1	1	0	2	5.00
Staumont	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Hernández	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.50
Garrett	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.57
Barlow	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.11

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rea	3⅔	6	4	4	2	3	5.52
Lauer	5⅓	2	2	2	2	6	4.54

WP: Lauer (4-4); **LP:** Lyles (0-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cuas 2-2. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 33,188 (41,700).

Dodgers 4, Padres 0

Tony Gonsolin and four relievers combined on a three-hit shutout, Mookie Betts homered, and Los Angeles beat San Diego to complete a three-game sweep and their fifth straight victory.

Gonsolin allowed two hits, struck out six and walked one in lowering his ERA to 1.42 in the Dodgers' third shutout of the season.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis Jr. rf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.283
Machado 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.232
Soto lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.265
Cronenworth 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.258
Kim 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Grisham cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.206
Sullivan c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	30	0	3	0	3	10	—

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts rf	3	1	1	2	1	0	.252
Freeman 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.302
J.Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Muncy 3b	2	1	0	0	1	0	.200
Vargas 2b	2	0	1	2	1	0	.218
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.196
Outman cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.267
Rojas ss	2	1	1	0	1	0	.190
Barnes c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.088
TOTALS	26	4	4	4	4	4	—

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LOB: San Diego 6, Los Angeles 2. **2B:** Tatis Jr. (5), Grisham (11), Bogaerts (7), Rojas (2), Vargas (9). **HR:** Betts (9), off Weathers.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Weathers	5⅔	3	4	4	4	3	3.42
Honeywell Jr.	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.97
Cosgrove	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonsolin	5	2	0	0	1	6	1.42
Almonte	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.06
González	1⅔	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Graterol	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.81
Bruihl	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.17

WP: Gonsolin (1-1); **LP:** Weathers (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Honeywell Jr. 2-2, Graterol 1-0. **T:** 2:14. **A:** 46,201 (56,000).

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. drove home Christian Walker with a looping double down the left field line in the ninth inning in Arizona's win over San Francisco.

The Diamondbacks won three of four in the series and improved to 23-18 this season.

The pitchers' duel featured just seven hits — four for the Diamondbacks and three for the Giants.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Estrada 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.314
Conforto rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.193
Davis dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.293
Sabol lf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.256
Schmitt 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.458
Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.162
Bart c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Wisely cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.154
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	3	12	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rojas 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.259
Marte 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Carroll rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.277
Walker 1b	1	1	0	0	3	0	.264
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.308
Smith dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Fletcher cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.429
Moreno c	3	0	2	0	0	0	.320
Perdomo ss	3	1	0	0	0	0	.329
TOTALS	27	2	4	2	4	3	—

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ARIZONA	000 010 001	—	2	4	0

No outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** San Francisco 5, Arizona 6. **2B:** Estrada 2 (9), Rojas (11), Gurriel Jr. (11). **HR:** Conforto (7), off Pfaadt.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb	7	3	1	1	3	3	3.20
Ty.Rogers	1	1	1	1	1	0	2.70

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pfaadt	5	1	1	1	3	5	8.59
Ruiz	2	1	0	0	0	4	4.20
McGough	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.03
Castro	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.06

WP: Castro (2-1); **LP:** Ty.Rogers (0-3). **HBP:** Webb (Marte). **T:** 2:24. **A:** 26,267 (48,359).

Rangers 11, Athletics 3

Adolis García's grand slam capped an eight-run eighth inning as Texas routed Oakland.

The A's (9-33) are on pace to lose 127 games, which would be the most since the 1899 Cleveland Spiders went 20-134.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	3	1	1	0	1	.288
Grossman lf	5	2	3	3	0	1	.246
Lowe 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.264
García rf	5	2	3	5	0	0	.255
Jung 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Heim c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.315
Duran ss	4	1	2	0	1	0	.304
Huff dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Miller ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.178
Thompson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.170
Taveras cf	4	1	0	1	0	2	.295
TOTALS	40	11	11	11	2	8	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ruiz cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Diaz 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Rooker lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.308
C.Pérez dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.311
Aguilar 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Laureano rf	4	2	2	0	0	2	.238
Díaz 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.169
Langeliers c	3	1	2	3	1	1	.234
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.154
TOTALS	33	3	7	3	2	13	—

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E: Aguilar (2), Ruiz 2 (5), Allen (1). **LOB:** Texas 6, Oakland 5. **2B:** Grossman (6), García (6), Laureano (7). **HR:** Grossman (5), off Sears; García (10), off Neal; Langeliers (7), off Hernández.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney	6	4	1	1	2	9	4.71
Hernández	1	2	2	2	0	1	3.94
Rodríguez	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Leclerc	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.00

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sears	5⅓	5	3	2	1	6	5.27
Acton	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Pruitt	⅓	2	2	2	0	0	6.00
Moll	⅓	3	5	5	1	0	5.79
Neal	1⅓	1	1	1	0	0	8.10

WP: Hernández (1-1); **LP:** Pruitt (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Acton 2-0, Moll 1-1, Neal 3-3. **IBB:** off Moll (Duran). **HBP:** Sears (Semien), Moll (Thompson). **WP:** Heaney. **T:** 2:46. **A:** 7,793 (46,847).

Cardinals 9, Red Sox 1

Nolan Arenado and Andrew Knizner each hit a two-run homer, and St. Louis completed a three-game sweep of Boston.

Paul DeJong added a solo shot and Arenado drove in four runs for the Cardinals, who won for the sixth time in seven games since an eight-game skid.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar rf-cf	6	3	3	0	0	0	.302
Goldschmidt 1b	5	0	2	1	0	2	.313
Edman 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Gorman 2b-3b	3	1	1	1	2	0	.270
Arenado 3b	5	1	2	4	0	2	.256
Yepez rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Contreras dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Donovan lf-rf-1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.261
DeJong ss	5	1	1	1	0	1	.309
Carlson cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.230
Burleson lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.226
Knizner c	5	2	2	2	0	1	.213
TOTALS	42	9	14	9	4	8	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.299
Yoshida lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.298
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Devers 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.255
Duran cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.345
Casas 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.192
Valdez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.292
McGuire c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Reyes ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	.500
TOTALS	31	1	5	1	5	7	—

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BOSTON	100 000 000	—	1	5	1

E: Casas (2). **LOB:** St. Louis 10, Boston 8. **2B:** Nootbaar 2 (5), Goldschmidt (15), Gorman (7), Verdugo (13). **HR:** DeJong (4), off Kluber; Knizner (2), off Kluber; Arenado (6), off Brasier.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas	6	4	1	1	2	0	4.91
Cabrera	1	1	0	0	2	2	3.45
Hicks	1	0	0	0	1	3	6.19
Stratton	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.82

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kluber	5	7	4	4	3	5	6.41
Bernardino	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	3.27
Brasier	2⅓	4	3	3	0	2	7.29
Bleier	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.19

WP: Mikolas (2-1); **LP:** Kluber (2-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brasier 3-2. **WP:** Brasier. **T:** 3:01. **A:** 27,732 (37,755).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Athletics: Reinstated IF Aledmys Díaz (strained left hamstring) from the 10-day injured list.

Giants: Activated SS Brandon Crawford (strained left calf) from the 10-day IL.

Marlins: Placed LHP A.J. Puk (left elbow nerve irritation) on the 15-day IL. Also, OF Jazz Chisholm Jr. (right foot contusion) didn't play Sunday and will visit a specialist to determine whether he could miss more time.

Rays: 1B Yandy Díaz left after the first inning with left groin tightness and will have an MRI exam.

Rockies: Placed RHP Ryan Feltner on the 15-day IL. Feltner has a skull fracture and a concussion after getting hit by a line drive off the bat of the Phillies' Nick Castellanos on Saturday night. He was discharged Sunday night from Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., and will not need surgery.

Yankees: RHP Luis Severino (strained right lat) could start Sunday in Cincinnati if his rehab start Tuesday goes well.

TODAY

NL games

METS AT NATIONALS, 4:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Peterson (L)	1-5	7.68	1-6
Corbin (L)	1-5	4.87	3-5
BREWERS AT CARDINALS, 7:45			
Peralta (R)	4-2	3.32	4-3
Flaherty (R)	2-4	6.18	4-4
REDS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
Greene (R)	0-3	3.69	2-6
Seabold (R)	1-0	4.56	2-0
PHILLIES AT GIANTS, 9:45			
Falter (L)	0-6	5.75	1-6
Wood (L)	0-0	2.46	2-1

NL scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Mets at Washington, susp.
Cincinnati 6, at Miami 5
at L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 2
at Arizona 7, San Francisco 2
Philadelphia 7, at Colorado 4

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: at Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Game 2: N.Y. Mets 8, at Washington 2
at Miami 3, Cincinnati 1
at Colorado 4, Philadelphia 0
at L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 0
at Arizona 2, San Francisco 1

AL games

ANGELS AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Ohtani (R)	4-1	2.74	6-2
Rodriguez (R)	2-0	5.08	6-1
YANKEES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07			
Brito (R)	2-3	5.81	4-4
Manoah (R)	1-3	4.83	4-4
MARINERS AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Kirby (R)	4-2	2.62	4-3
Houck (R)	3-2	5.26	5-2

AL scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 5, at Detroit 0
at N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 8
Texas 5, at Oakland 0
at Cleveland 8, L.A. Angels 6
at Chicago White Sox 3, Houston 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 3
Tampa Bay 8, at N.Y. Yankees 7
at Detroit 5, Seattle 3
Houston 4, at Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 11, at Oakland 3

Interleague games

BRAVES AT RANGERS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Morton (R)	4-3	3.32	4-3
Dunning (R)	3-0	1.72	1-1
CUBS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Taillon (R)	0-2	6.41	0-5
Valdez (L)	3-4	2.38	3-5
DIAMONDBACKS AT ATHLETICS, 9:40			
Kelly (R)	3-3	3.18	4-4
Rucinski (R)	0-3	8.16	0-3
ROYALS AT PADRES, 9:40			
Keller (R)	3-3	4.31	4-4
Wacha (R)	3-1	4.82	5-2
TWINS AT DODGERS, 10:10			
López (R)	2-2	3.47	5-3
Syndergaard (R)	1-3	6.12	3-4

Interleague scores

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 2, Pittsburgh 0
at Toronto 5, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 4, at Boston 3
at Minnesota 11, Chicago Cubs 1
at Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 4, at Baltimore 0
at Toronto 6, Atlanta 5
at Minnesota 16, Chicago Cubs 3
at Milwaukee 9, Kansas City 6
St. Louis 9, at Boston 1

KEVIN BLACKISTONE

Words can hurt. Sports continue to demonstrate that.

BLACKISTONE FROM **D1**

Born and reared in Brandon, Manitoba, a city about 30 miles from the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation reservation of a little more than 1,000 people. He considers it home. The reservation knows him as its son. Its council even picked up Whitecloud's costs to play travel hockey as a kid. Sioux Valley Dakota is quite proud of its first son to make it to the NHL.

So when Whitecloud was apprised of ESPN announcer John Anderson making fun of his name while narrating highlights of the Las Vegas-Edmonton series, he spoke to Anderson — "In our culture, we were raised to be the first ones to reach out and offer help," Whitecloud explained — and then faced the media about the affront.

He spoke haltingly for a little over five minutes. It was painful for him. It was equally agonizing to watch. At least if you have a heart.

"I'm proud of my culture. I'm proud of where I come from, where I was raised and who I was raised by," Whitecloud said. "I carry my grandfather's last name, and nothing makes me more proud than to be able to do that."

But emotion began to overcome him. So he bowed his head and excused himself from the scrum to seek, as you could only imagine at that moment, some solitude.

Sticks and stones may break bones, but it was never true that words don't hurt. They scorch. They impale. They damage.

It has been close to 20 years since the American Psychological Association cited growing scientific evidence as grounds to abolish our very American practice of appropriating Indigenous names and employing our imaginations of Native culture for sports. Its reason? It is particularly harmful to Native children's identity and self-esteem. And it's damaging to the rest of us because it informs us that to be indecent toward others is something it never is — okay.

But a clinical diagnosis, a data dump, is hard to see and impossible to feel. What was revealed with Whitecloud was real. You saw it. You felt it. It was emotive.

"What they did with Mr. Whitecloud was mock his name, which is even worse," Ronald F. Levant, a now-retired psychologist who as president of the APA in 2005 issued its famous declaration, told me Friday.

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Zach Whitecloud said, "I carry my grandfather's last name, and nothing makes me more proud."

And how Whitecloud reacted, Levant said, "illustrates the depth of the hurt he was subjected to."

Yet Whitecloud, 26, is in his fifth season in the premier hockey league in the world, where he must play against a franchise the league allows to use the image of a Native man's head as its logo and a Native name as its moniker.

Sports should do better and can do better. But in just the past two weeks, we were reminded that sports can be as insensitive to the marginalized as ever.

West Virginia Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Bob Huggins spat homophobic remarks Monday toward a Catholic university's fan base during an appearance on a Cincinnati radio station. His employer suspended him three games, trimmed $1 million off his annual salary and amended his contract from a multiyear deal to a year-by-year agreement.

Longtime Oakland A's TV broadcaster Glen Kuiper uttered the racial slur for Black folks during a broadcast this month while discussing a visit to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. It was explained as a slip of the tongue. Kuiper was removed from further broadcasts while NBC Sports California, which carries A's games, reviews the incident, which to me sounded as if it was taking the public's temperature. The internet, always undefeated, found what sounded like a second similar utterance from Kuiper.

Kansas City won the Super Bowl again amid protests from Native people to stop offending them with its name and fan hand gesture it calls the "Tomahawk chop," which Kevin Gover, Pawnee and the undersecretary for museums and culture at the Smithsonian, in my film "Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting," emphatically assures Native people don't do.

And the Atlanta baseball team shows no signs it will stop using its illusory name for Native people, employing a tomahawk as a logo and encouraging its fans to mock Native people with the chop despite Cardinals reliever Ryan Helsley, who is Cherokee from Tahlequah, Okla., pleading with Atlanta during the playoffs a few years ago to, just, stop.

"It's a misrepresentation of the Cherokee people or Native Americans in general," Helsley said then. "Just depicts them in this kind of caveman-type people way who aren't intellectual. They are a lot of more than that."

Making fun of Native people is part of Atlanta's fan experience at its home games. Its executives should watch Whitecloud's news conference.

And in and around Washington, after all the local NFL franchise has done to debase itself, suck the lifeblood out of its fan base yet finally rid itself of the last chapter of its racist past, some people, including in the media, have raised the specter of reviving the team's racist old name. Incredible.

"With this comes an opportunity to allow . . . everyone to learn from this incident," Whitecloud said, ". . . move forward and make sure that these things don't happen again.

"It's just time for everyone to learn."

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Carolina faces a decision with healthy netminders

BY AARON BEARD

Rod Brind'Amour felt comfortable all season distributing the Carolina Hurricanes' goaltending load primarily between a pair of reliable veterans who were good enough to push his team to the NHL's second-best record.

Things have looked different by necessity in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Carolina leaned on Antti Raanta most of the first round with Frederik Andersen recovering from an illness, then Andersen started every game of the second round with Raanta battling his own ailment.

Each played well in those longer stints and is healthy now with the Hurricanes set to face the Florida Panthers in the Eastern Conference finals, leaving their coach with a decision ahead of the best-of-seven series.

"When they're both healthy, now I have a good couple of options — we know that," Brind'Amour said. "In both series, we didn't really have that option. It was kind of like: Okay, thankfully one guy was healthy so you run them out there.

"Hopefully they'll both be good and we'll see where it goes, if we end up using them both or not. It's an option for sure that I'm definitely happy to use."

Andersen and Raanta combined to start 59 of 82 regular season games, with 23-year-old Pyotr Kochetkov working as the third option. That group backstopped a defense that ranked second behind Boston by allowing 210 goals (2.56 per game).

A season earlier, Andersen and Raanta combined to secure the Williams M. Jennings Trophy awarded to the netminders who played in a minimum of 25 games for a team that allowed the fewest goals in the league, with Andersen working as the No. 1 goalie on the way to 35 wins.

With this season's rotation, Raanta never started more than five straight regular season games and Andersen never started more than three straight. The hope was that avoiding workhorse loads would keep them fresh and minimize injury risks for a team known for using its aggressive forecheck to win puck battles, maintain possession and keep the pressure on opponents at the opposite end of the ice.

"Every guy had their moments a little bit, where you play a little bit more," Raanta said of the regular season rotation. "So I don't mind that. It's obviously good for me to kind of get in that rotation, but sometimes it's easier if you get a couple of games in a row and you kind of work your game a little bit.

"I didn't mind that. It was nice to get that and get some games, so obviously that worked well for me."

In the first round against the New York Islanders, Raanta started the first five games, with Andersen dressing twice but missing three games because of an illness. He won three, posting a 2.59 goals against average and a .906 save percentage.

Andersen got the call in the Game 6 clincher and allowed one goal in the overtime win. He followed that by starting all five games of the second round against the New Jersey Devils as Raanta came down with his own illness, a flu-like bug that Raanta said ran through his household from kids to adults.

Andersen allowed six goals during his five wins in six playoff starts.

These games are his first postseason starts with Carolina since he signed a two-year deal in July 2021 after a five-season run with Toronto. He missed last year's playoffs with a lower-body injury suffered late in the regular season that pushed Raanta into a load-carrying postseason role. So his two series-clinching wins are his first since he helped the Anaheim Ducks reach the 2015 Western Conference finals.

Carolina took Friday off after closing out New Jersey, returned to practice Saturday, then was off again Sunday with the series schedule still to be determined into the weekend. Andersen had a rest day Saturday while Raanta and Kochetkov worked in net during the practice at PNC Arena.

Whoever gets the Game 1 call, the rest of the Hurricanes will be ready to back him.

— Associated Press

Commanders deal not yet a sure thing

COMMANDERS FROM **D1**

"and to having the honor to serve as responsible and accountable stewards of the Commanders franchise moving forward."

Some observers seemed convinced the league's ratification process will occur uneventfully.

"It's really happening," former Green Bay Packers executive Andrew Brandt wrote Friday on Twitter. "The grip of Daniel Snyder (no longer Mr. Snyder to me and you) is being taken off the Commanders' steering wheel. Team is announcing sale, subject to owner approval (pro forma). Friend and family in the DC are seeing this as a liberation day, it's here."

But others are not as certain the deal as it's currently configured will get a rubber stamp. A person familiar with the sale process expressed the view Saturday that the Harris deal probably would not be approved without some revisions if not for the other owners' strong desire to remove Snyder from the league.

The finance committee met for about 2½ hours Wednesday at the NFL's offices in Manhattan. Harris's deal has been in front of the league for weeks. It was submitted to the NFL last month, an unusual step because the then-tentative deal was unsigned and nonexclusive at that point. But discussions during Wednesday's meeting diminished the confidence about Harris's ability to get a deal to the finish line held by some of those familiar with the NFL's inner workings.

One such person acknowledged a widespread desire among the owners to make the deal work and remove Snyder from the NFL's ownership ranks with as little rancor as possible. But that person also said some financial aspects of Harris's deal could make it difficult to move quickly in the ratification process, describing it as complex in part because it includes a large number of limited partners. Harris identified a dozen investors in his group in Friday's announcement, including two families, and said that was "amongst others."

Because of those issues, that person said, it was increasingly unlikely the owners would vote at their meeting scheduled for May 22-23 in Minneapolis. Before Wednesday's finance committee meeting, some people connected to the process hoped the owners might vote at the Minneapolis meeting to ratify Harris's deal, at least on a conditional basis. While some continue to cling to hopes of a vote this month, a person familiar with the NFL's inner workings said Friday the owners are expected to be updated on the Commanders sale at the Minneapolis meeting and the prospective final ratification vote would be taken "in the coming months."

JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

The NFL finance committee has raised issues in recent days about Josh Harris's $6.05 billion agreement to buy the Commanders.

The deal must be approved by 24 of the 32 owners. They generally follow whatever recommendation is made by the finance committee.

Some NFL franchise sales do result in a worry-free approval process. That was the case with David Tepper's purchase of the Carolina Panthers in 2018 for $2.275 billion and Rob Walton's purchase of the Denver Broncos last year for $4.65 billion, the current NFL record.

But not every ratification goes so smoothly. In 1999, Snyder emerged as the buyer of Washington's storied NFL franchise for $800 million after Howard Milstein, originally the leader of a group in which Snyder was to be an investor, stepped aside. Milstein's group reached an agreement with the Jack Kent Cooke estate, but his deal failed to win the support of the finance committee. Paul Tagliabue, then the NFL commissioner, said at the time there were concerns about how Milstein proposed to finance the purchase.

In 2005, Reggie Fowler agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings from Red McCombs for $625 million. But Fowler eventually took a lesser stake as an investor in a group led by Zygi Wilf. There were reports at the time Fowler might not have the financial wherewithal to structure the deal to the NFL's liking. Fowler also generated controversy just after his initial agreement with McCombs was announced when he released biographical information through his publicist, then revised the information after there were reports of errors in it.

At this point, the issues raised Wednesday by the finance committee about Harris's deal threaten to slow the approval process rather than derail it. Some of those connected to the sale process say they remain highly confident Harris's deal will be ratified, whatever the approval timeline. The biggest remaining obstacles, they say, are the NFL dealing with Snyder on issues such as indemnification and the league's second investigation of Snyder and the team, not anything related to Harris or his record-setting deal.

Harris is a private equity and sports investor who owns the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers and the NHL's New Jersey Devils. He has an estimated net worth of $5.9 billion, according to Forbes. He and David Blitzer, his partner in Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment and an investor in the Commanders deal, are limited partners in the Pittsburgh Steelers. They would have to sell their Steelers stakes to buy the Commanders. Harris made a failed bid last year to buy the Broncos.

If no vote of the owners is taken this month in Minneapolis, the timeline for approval would be unclear. The next scheduled owners' meeting is in October. The NFL could schedule a special owners' meeting to take the ratification vote, as it did last August with the Broncos sale. Harris's group would have to pay a breakup fee if its Commanders deal does not go through, according to a person familiar with the process.

The Harris group faces a long list of tasks as the team's prospective new owner and undoubtedly is eager to get started. One top priority will be picking a site and securing funding for a new stadium.

Carter Elliott IV, the press secretary for Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (D), wrote Friday on Twitter: "The [Commanders] have called Prince George's County home for 25 years, and [Moore] is committed to continuing this long-standing partnership. The Moore-Miller Administration congratulates the new owners and upon approval by the National Football League, looks forward to continuing conversations with the Commanders about our vision for the future of the team in Maryland."

Many others are similarly eager to see the deal go through.

"I've been a fan my entire life," Matthew Berry, a fantasy football analyst for NBC, said in a video posted Friday to social media, "since I was 5 years old. . . . We won the Super Bowl today because finally there's hope. Finally there's hope. You can hold your head proud as a fan of Washington. Thank you, Josh Harris."

NASCAR

Late wreck benefits Byron at Darlington

BY PETE IACOBELLI

DARLINGTON, S.C. — William Byron saw Ross Chastain and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson ahead of him late at Darlington Raceway.

Byron made sure he was prepared for the fireworks he thought could happen.

Boom!

Byron moved in front when Chastain and Larson wrecked while racing for the lead on a restart with six laps left and held off Kevin Harvick in overtime to win the Goodyear 400 on Sunday.

"We talked about it under the caution," Byron said of a potential dust-up. "I didn't think that they would wreck, but obviously it happened and we rolled on by."

Chastain and Larson have raced each other tooth-and-nail this season with incidents impacting potential wins at Talladega and Dover heading into the track "Too Tough to Tame."

It didn't take a rocket scientist — Byron is taking college courses at Liberty University — to know the two might tangle again.

It was a measure of retribution for Byron, who was two laps from a victory in this race a year ago until he was shoved out of the way by eventual winner Joey Logano.

"It's pretty amazing," Byron said. "Things have a way of working out."

He got away cleanly from Harvick on the green-white-checkered finish for his third win this season and seventh of his career.

Harvick was second and Chase Elliott third, his best finish since he returned to NASCAR from a broken leg while he was snowboarding.

Brad Keselowski was fourth, followed by Bubba Wallace, Harrison Burton, Kyle Busch, Justin Haley, Ryan Blaney and Chris Buescher.

It was the 100th win for Hendrick Motorsports' No. 24 car and the organization's first victory at Darlington since Jimmie Johnson won the 2012 race.

It looked as if 2021 champ Larson or points leader Chastain had the strongest cars and figured to be there at the end. Instead, Chastain was alongside Larson during a restart and admitted trying to squeeze his competitor against the wall in Turn 2. Both wound up wrecking.

Larson finished 20th and Chastain, who punched Noah Gragson in a pit-road confrontation a week ago at Kansas, was 29th.

"I wanted to squeeze him. I wanted to push him up. We've been trading back and forth all day. I wanted to push him up for sure," Chastain said.

Larson's crew chief Cliff Daniels angrily said on the radio, "Three races he's taken us out of."

"Children," TV analyst and racing great Bill Elliott said. "You put 'em in a sandbox together and they can't play."

Larson moved into the lead when Denny Hamlin went to the pits with 30 laps remaining and was in prime position for the victory until he tangled with Chastain.

"He doesn't have to be that aggressive," winning owner Rick Hendrick said of Chastain. "He's going to make a lot of enemies."

Chastain led 93 laps and has not won since Talladega in April 2022, a stretch of 39 races.

Martin Truex Jr. started from the pole and led 145 of the first 151 laps before he was clipped by Chastain at the end of stage.

Truex turned into Logano while the two were running third and fourth with less than 15 laps left and touched off an eight-car accident, scrambling the field.

That wreck followed an earlier dust-up when Erik Jones, who won the Southern 500 here last Labor Day weekend, had his right rear tire spin off the car on Lap 193 and immediately got sideways with those behind him having almost no chance to escape the wreck.

Those caught up behind Jones included Gragson, Daniel Suarez, Austin Dillon, Ty Gibbs and Ryan Newman.

Darlington Raceway continued its celebration of NASCAR's 75th anniversary with a gathering of 33 of those named as its 75 greatest drivers. The honorees included 95-year-old Herschel McGriff. The Hall of Famer competed in the first Southern 500 in 1950, driving from his home in Oregon to rural South Carolina, running the race — and finishing ninth — before taking the car back home across the country. "I can't get away from racing," McGriff said Sunday. "I'm 95, so I've got a few years left."

— Associated Press

Grizzlies suspend Morant after new gun video

BY CINDY BOREN AND BEN GOLLIVER

Memphis Grizzlies star guard Ja Morant was suspended from all team activities Sunday after he showed an apparent handgun in a social media live stream. The new video came more than two months after Morant displayed a gun in an Instagram live video taken at a Denver-area nightclub, prompting the NBA to suspend him for eight games for conduct detrimental to the league.

The new video appeared to show Morant and a friend listening to rap artist NBA YoungBoy while in a car. The camera pans toward Morant a few seconds into the video as he appears to be holding a gun next to his head before the camera quickly turns away.

The Grizzlies announced Morant's suspension and said the organization would "have no further comment at this time." NBA spokesman Mike Bass said in a statement, "We are aware of the social media post involving Ja Morant and are in the process of gathering more information." Morant faces the possibility of another suspension or a fine from the league office.

Morant's latest video comes after the Grizzlies sought to take accountability and move forward after losing in six games to the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round of the NBA playoffs late last month. Memphis entered that series as the Western Conference's No. 2 seed, but injuries to Steven Adams and Brandon Clarke, coupled with the disruption caused by Morant's suspension in March, contributed to the upset.

"I've just got to be better with my decision-making," Morant acknowledged after the Grizzlies were eliminated. "That's pretty much it. Off-the-court issues affected us as an organization, pretty much. Just [need] more discipline."

During the series, which also featured extensive trash-talking by Dillon Brooks to LeBron James, Grizzlies Coach Taylor Jenkins said his team was "far from where we need to be from a maturity standpoint."

Then, during end-of-season interviews, Grizzlies General Manager Zach Kleiman said his organization was planning to take a "different approach" in its preparations for next season after weathering "some self-created distractions." Jenkins added that "some things have to change" and that the Grizzlies needed to "walk the walk" rather than "talk the talk."

In early March, a live stream on Instagram showed Morant at the Denver-area club after a Grizzlies loss, dancing and then briefly holding up a gun for the camera in video that was clipped and shared on other social media platforms.

Morant, 23, was suspended for eight games without pay for the incident and enrolled in a counseling program but was not charged with a crime after a police investigation. Conducting its own investigation, the NBA could not determine whether the gun belonged to Morant or whether he brought it into the club. He told police the gun was not his, but he has acknowledged in court filings owning at least one firearm.

Before he returned to the court, Morant met with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and National Basketball Players Association executive director Tamika Tremaglio to discuss the video.

Silver deemed Morant's behavior in the first video to be "irresponsible, reckless and potentially dangerous." As he prepared to return from the suspension, Morant said he was "in a better space mentally" and committed to being a "better me" following a stint in a Florida counseling center.

Morant sought counseling, he told reporters, to help manage his stress, and he believed his "stress level had been becoming a problem" before the nightclub incident. "I had considered [seeking help], but I was back and forth," he said. "I was pretty much afraid to leave the team. I felt that it was needed, and it helped me out a lot."

Before returning to the court, Morant denied having "an alcohol problem," said his stress management was an "ongoing process" and acknowledged attending less than two weeks of counseling "doesn't mean I'm completely better."

Major sponsors stood by Morant after the first incident as Nike proceeded to release the first edition of his signature sneaker. However, Morant's first suspension cost him more than $668,000 in lost salary, and he missed out on approximately $39 million in additional salary because he wasn't named to an all-NBA team this season.

Last summer, Morant signed a designated rookie max extension worth $192.2 million over five years, a number that could have increased to $231.4 million — taking up 30 percent of the Grizzlies' salary cap — over the life of the deal had Morant made all-NBA for a second consecutive season. Morant, who averaged 26.2 points, 5.9 rebounds and 8.1 assists while earning his second career all-star nod, wound up getting only 10 second-team votes and 14 third-team votes, not enough to make any of the three all-NBA teams.

The first video featuring Morant showing a gun came on the heels of a Washington Post story that detailed two incidents last year in which he and his friends were accused of violent and threatening behavior, including an allegation Morant flashed a gun at a teenager after a fight at his Memphis home.

In the first incident, described in a police report obtained by The Post, Morant and several friends arrived at a Memphis mall after his mother had a dispute with an employee at a Finish Line shoe store, according to the mall's security director, who described the events to police. The dispute spilled into the parking lot, the security officer said, where someone in Morant's group pushed the officer. No arrests were made, and no one was charged with a crime.

But four days later, Morant got into another altercation — this time with a teenager. Morant told police that the teenager, a local high school player, threw a ball at his head during a pickup basketball game, so he punched the boy in self-defense. In transcripts of police interviews, the boy told police that after the fight, as he was escorted off the property, Morant went into his home and emerged with a gun in the waistband of his pants, though he did not pull it.

The teenager involved in the pickup game dispute filed a lawsuit against Morant in January, and Morant countersued the teenager for slander, assault and battery in April.

The Athletic reported this year that members of the Indiana Pacers organization believed someone riding in a car with Morant had trained a gun on them, saying they saw a laser beam pointing from the car following a game. The NBA looked into that incident and said in a statement that the investigation "did not corroborate that any individual threatened others with a weapon."

Gus Garcia-Roberts and Molly Hensley-Clancy contributed to this report.

Tatum leads Boston into East finals as Embiid, Harden struggle

CELTICS 112, 76ERS 88

BY MICHAEL LEE

ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY IMAGES

"Today I was more myself. That's when I play my best, when I'm having fun," said Jayson Tatum, who poured in 51 points for Boston.

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum had his moments against the Philadelphia 76ers but not his game. He had his struggles but didn't complain.

He was waiting for his chance to seize this Eastern Conference semifinal series, to show that being "one of the best players in the world," as he said after Game 6, wasn't just a belief but an undeniable truth.

With his season on the line again, Tatum's confidence was rewarded Sunday with a performance that didn't mean Joel Embiid needed to give back his NBA MVP award, but at the very least Tatum could ask his offseason training buddy for a one-night rental.

Tatum scored 51 points — an NBA record for a Game 7 — to lead the Celtics to a 112-88 victory and back to the Eastern Conference finals for the fourth time in his six seasons. They will play the Miami Heat beginning Wednesday.

"He was fantastic," Embiid said of Tatum. "I told him after the game, he was pretty inefficient the whole series. He chose a great night to have that type of game."

Tatum surpassed the Game 7 record Golden State Warriors superstar Stephen Curry set last month with 50 points to end the Sacramento Kings' season. Tatum left Sunday's game with 3:23 remaining, raising his hands to a standing ovation and chants of MVP.

It was the second time in as many games the Celtics leaned on their best player to save their season. But unlike Game 6, when he needed a 12-point outburst in the final 4:14, Tatum eschewed the slow starts offensively, driving inside for a two-handed dunk that meant he wouldn't have to wait to find a rhythm. He was already in one.

"Going into Game 6, I was too locked in. I was too tight. Just too in my own thinking about what I got to do. 'How many points do I need to score?' Today I was more myself," Tatum said, mentioning that he was joking around in practice Saturday. "That's when I play my best, when I'm having fun. Just go out there and relax and have fun. Think about those days when you're a kid at the YMCA or whatever. That's when the game opens up."

Embiid, on the other hand, had his worst outing of this postseason, needing 18 shots to contribute just 15 points. It was the third time in his career he was a Game 7 away from advancing to the conference finals. That remains a wall he has been unable to breakthrough, his pathway made more difficult this season by a sprained knee suffered in the first round in Brooklyn.

Embiid had dominant performances upon his return in the second game of this series, but the longer it went, the more he labored. In Game 7, he looked gassed, hunting fouls that didn't get called, forcing shots that weren't there and settling for others. Rivers suggested he might have tweaked the knee while tripping over Celtics guard Marcus Smart in the first half.

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"No excuses. I thought I was okay. I was limited for the most part, not just tonight," Philadelphia's Joel Embiid said after the defeat.

"No excuses. I thought I was okay. I was limited for the most part, not just tonight," Embiid said. "If I don't finish first, it is a failure."

Sunday was the 10th anniversary of 76ers owner Josh Harris hiring Sam Hinkie as general manager, a move that sent the franchise through a blatant, controversial and eye-sore-inducing period of losing — known as "The Process" — that prompted the NBA to change the draft lottery rules. Embiid, the one positive from those years of dread, adopted the nickname for himself, and his ascension to MVP was meant to represent an organization now relevant in championship conversations.

But with Embiid unable to lead the 76ers past the second round, Philadelphia enters a worrisome offseason that centers on the futures of James Harden and Coach Doc Rivers. Harden is expected to opt out of his deal and become a free agent this summer, with rumors percolating of a possible return to Houston. And despite declaring he expects to return, Rivers lost his 10th consecutive game with an opportunity to advance to the conference finals, covering time with both the 76ers and Los Angeles Clippers.

"James, Joe, me. Got to point somewhere, right?" Rivers said of the blame game. "I think this team is headed right. I thought we took another mental step to this season. And tonight, we took a step backward."

The 76ers will regret not only failing to close out the Celtics in Game 6 but also giving Tatum the chance to regain the confidence to blow up an entire era. Philadelphia wilted in surrendering 18 unanswered points in the third period, but Rivers felt the game was lost well before that. Philadelphia was up 35-27 when Harden was called for a flagrant foul when he lost the ball on a potential layup and elbowed Jaylen Brown in the face. "We were playing so well," Rivers said. "After that, we never played right again."

The Celtics scored the next eight points, took the lead on a three-pointer by Al Horford and entered the locker room with a 55-52 lead. Brown had worn a protective mask to protect his face for the past few months but removed it for this series and joked afterward, "My mom is probably like: 'See, you should've kept it on.' Nothing like a shot to the face to wake you right up." Brown finished with 25 points.

In his first postseason as the Celtics' coach, Joe Mazzulla has dealt with questions about his decision-making and ability to motivate. But he made the biggest adjustment of the series by inserting Robert Williams as a starter in Game 6. The move gave Boston the same starting lineup that advanced to the NBA Finals last year, but it also blew up whatever the 76ers had going with both Embiid and Harden on pick and rolls. Harden, who had two games in which he exceeded 40 points this series, saved his worst for last; he scored nine points on 3-for-11 shooting. Tobias Harris led Philadelphia with 19 points.

But none of Mazzulla's maneuvers would have mattered if not for Tatum's heroics. "I've seen it. I've seen it in this building — and it was LeBron," Rivers said of great Game 7 performances, referencing the classic duel in 2008, in which LeBron James scored 45 points but lost to Rivers's Celtics, which was led by Paul Pierce's 41 points. "That's the only time I've seen a performance like that live." Rivers is 7-10 as a coach in Game 7s.

Rarely one for emotion, Tatum used choice words to express ownership of TD Garden. He later hit a three-pointer to put the Celtics up 88-60, turned the crowd and shouted: "What?! What?!"

The crowd had no answer. The 76ers didn't, either.

Heat at Celtics
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., TNT

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-1
Game 1: Miami 130, at Milwaukee 117
Game 2: at Milwaukee, 138, Miami 122
Game 3: at Miami 121, Milwaukee 99
Game 4: at Miami 119, Milwaukee 114
Game 5: Miami 128, at Milwaukee 126 (OT)

CELTICS ELIMINATED HAWKS, 4-2
Game 1: at Boston 112, Atlanta 99
Game 2: at Boston 119, Atlanta 106
Game 3: at Atlanta 130, Boston 122
Game 4: Boston 129, at Atlanta 121
Game 5: Atlanta 119, at Boston 117
Game 6: Boston 128, at Atlanta 120

76ERS ELIMINATED NETS, 4-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 101
Game 2: at Philadelphia 96, Brooklyn 84
Game 3: Philadelphia 102, at Brooklyn 97
Game 4: Philadelphia 96, at Brooklyn 88

KNICKS ELIMINATED CAVALIERS, 4-1
Game 1: New York 101, at Cleveland 97
Game 2: at Cleveland 107, New York 90
Game 3: at New York 99, Cleveland 79
Game 4: at New York 102, Cleveland 93
Game 5: New York 106, at Cleveland 95

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED TIMBERWOLVES, 4-1
Game 1: at Denver 109, Minnesota 80
Game 2: at Denver 122, Minnesota 113
Game 3: Denver 120, at Minnesota 111
Game 4: at Minnesota 114, Denver 108 (OT)
Game 5: at Denver 112, Minnesota 109

LAKERS ELIMINATED GRIZZLIES, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 128, at Memphis 112
Game 2: at Memphis 103, L.A. Lakers 93
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 111, Memphis 101
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 111 (OT)
Game 5: at Memphis 116, L.A. Lakers 99
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 125, Memphis 85

WARRIORS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-3
Game 1: at Sacramento 126, Golden State 123
Game 2: at Sacramento 114, Golden State 106
Game 3: at Golden State 114, Sacramento 97
Game 4: at Golden State 126, Sacramento 125
Game 5: Golden State 123, at Sacramento 116
Game 6: Sacramento 118, at Golden State 99
Game 7: Golden State 120, at Sacramento 100

SUNS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-1
Game 1: L.A. Clippers 115, at Phoenix 110
Game 2: at Phoenix 123, L.A. Clippers 109
Game 3: Phoenix 129, at L.A. Clippers 124
Game 4: Phoenix 112, at L.A. Clippers 100
Game 5: at Phoenix 136, L.A. Clippers 130

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT VS. CELTICS
Wednesday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Friday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Sunday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday, May 25: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA
x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TBA
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS VS. L.A. LAKERS
Tuesday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
Thursday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
Saturday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ABC
Monday, May 22: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Wednesday, May 24: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA
x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

NBA FINALS
TBD

Celtics 112, 76ers 88

Philadelphia	29	23	10	26	—	88
Boston	23	32	33	24	—	112

PHILADELPHIA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Harris	39:36	7-13	4-4	0-5	0	3	19
Tucker	19:41	4-7	0-0	0-1	0	1	11
Embiid	38:18	5-18	5-6	1-8	1	3	15
Harden	40:49	3-11	2-2	1-6	7	1	9
Maxey	42:08	5-12	5-5	0-3	4	2	17
Melton	28:38	3-10	0-0	3-5	1	2	7
Reed	9:42	0-2	2-2	2-6	1	0	2
House Jr.	5:47	2-5	0-0	0-2	0	1	4
Korkmaz	3:52	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Milton	3:52	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Springer	3:52	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	4
Niang	3:45	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	31-83	18-19	7-37	15	14	88

Percentages: FG .373, FT .947. **3-Point Goals:** 8-37, .216 (Tucker 3-6, Maxey 2-6, Harden 1-5, Melton 1-5, Harris 1-7, Milton 0-1, Niang 0-1, House Jr. 0-2, Embiid 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Embiid 2, Melton 2, Harden, Niang, Tucker). **Turnovers:** 12 (Harden 5, Embiid 4, Harris, Maxey, Melton). **Steals:** 4 (Harden 2, Harris, Springer). **Technical Fouls:** Niang, 6:50 second.

BOSTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Horford	33:54	2-6	0-0	2-10	3	2	6
Tatum	41:40	17-28	11-14	0-13	5	1	51
Williams III	30:10	3-6	0-0	2-5	1	1	6
Brown	40:31	9-19	4-4	1-6	2	1	25
Smart	39:12	3-7	0-0	0-4	4	2	7
Brogdon	28:40	5-14	0-0	1-2	2	2	12
White	12:26	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3
Kornet	3:52	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Williams	3:23	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Champagnie	2:04	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Hauser	2:04	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Pritchard	2:04	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	41-87	15-18	7-43	18	13	112

Percentages: FG .471, FT .833. **3-Point Goals:** 15-33, .455 (Tatum 6-10, Brown 3-6, Horford 2-5, Brogdon 2-6, White 1-2, Smart 1-3, Champagnie 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Horford 3, Brown 2, Smart, White). **Turnovers:** 7 (Brown 3, Smart 2, Pritchard, Williams III). **Steals:** 7 (Brown 2, Horford 2, Tatum 2, Williams III). **Technical Fouls:** Brown, 6:50 second. **A:** 19,156 (18,624)

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Entering Sunday's game.

SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS.	AVG.
Booker, PHO	11	141	58	371	33.7
Edwards, MIN	5	55	33	158	31.6
Butler, MIA	10	109	80	311	31.1
Jokic, DEN	11	130	59	338	30.7
Curry, GS	13	145	49	396	30.5
Young, ATL	6	60	37	175	29.2
Durant, PHO	11	107	88	319	29.0
Brunson, NY	11	109	62	306	27.8
Fox, SAC	7	70	31	192	27.4
Tatum, BOS	12	108	63	315	26.3
Murray, DEN	11	105	43	285	25.9
Embiid, PHI	8	61	71	198	24.8
Brown, BOS	12	116	33	295	24.6
Morant, MEM	5	45	20	123	24.6
Middleton, MIL	5	40	26	119	23.8
Westbrook, L.A.C.	5	43	22	118	23.6
Bane, MEM	6	49	27	141	23.5
Bridges, BKN	4	33	18	94	23.5
James, L.A.L.	12	106	48	281	23.4
Mitchell, CLE	5	45	13	116	23.2
Murray, ATL	5	46	9	115	23.0
Powell, L.A.C.	5	36	24	109	21.8
Harden, PHI	10	69	46	214	21.4
Davis, L.A.L.	12	97	57	254	21.2
Maxey, PHI	10	77	23	209	20.9
Garland, CLE	5	35	21	103	20.6
Barrett, NY	11	71	50	212	19.3
Lopez, MIL	5	39	10	95	19.0
Monk, SAC	7	38	44	133	19.0
Johnson, BKN	4	28	6	74	18.5
Thompson, GS	13	85	21	241	18.5
Towns, MIN	5	32	21	91	18.2
Adebayo, MIA	11	82	35	199	18.1

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 3, Florida 1
Game 2: Florida 6, at Boston 3
Game 3: Boston 4, at Florida 2
Game 4: Boston 6, at Florida 2
Game 5: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)
Game 6: at Florida 7, Boston 5
Game 7: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Game 2: at Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Game 3: at N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 1
Game 4: Carolina 5, at N.Y. Islanders 2
Game 5: N.Y. Islanders 3, at Carolina 2
Game 6: Carolina 2, at N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

DEVILS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-3
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 2: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 3: New Jersey 2, at N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Game 4: New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 5: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Game 6: at N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
Game 7: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

MAPLE LEAFS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-2
Game 1: Tampa Bay 7, at Toronto 3
Game 2: at Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Toronto 4, at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 5, at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Game 5: Tampa Bay 4, at Toronto 2
Game 6: Toronto 2, at Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-2
Game 1: Los Angeles 4, at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Game 3: at Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)
Game 4: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Game 5: at Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
Game 6: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4

STARS ELIMINATED WILD, 4-2
Game 1: Minnesota 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 7, Minnesota 3
Game 3: at Minnesota 5, Dallas 1
Game 4: Dallas 3, at Minnesota 2
Game 5: at Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Game 6: Dallas 4, at Minnesota 1

KRAKEN ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 3 at Colorado 1
Game 2: at Colorado 3, Seattle 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, at Seattle 4
Game 4: at Seattle 3, Colorado 2
Game 5: Seattle 3, at Colorado 2
Game 6: Colorado 4, at Seattle 1
Game 7: Seattle 2, at Colorado 1

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: Winnipeg 5, at Vegas 1
Game 2: at Vegas 5, Winnipeg 2
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Vegas 4, at Winnipeg 2
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS LEAD OILERS, 3-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas at Edmonton, late
x-Tuesday's game: Edmonton at Vegas, 9, TNT

STARS AND KRAKEN TIED, 3-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Monday's game: Seattle at Dallas, 8, ESPN

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HURRICANES VS. PANTHERS
TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS-OILERS WINNER VS. STARS-KRAKEN WINNER
TBD

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ITALIAN OPEN
At Foro Italico; In Rome
Purse: $8,448,771; **Surface:** Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 64
Marco Cecchinato, Italy, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (21), Spain, 6-2, 6-2; Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, 6-4, 6-2; Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. Taylor Fritz (9), United States, 6-4, 6-1; Lorenzo Musetti (18), Italy, def. Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4; Alexander Zverev (19), Germany, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Roman Safiullin, Russia, 7-5, 7-5; Francisco Cerundolo (24), Argentina, def. Gregoire Barrere, France, 6-7 (7-0), 6-2, 6-2; Holger Rune (7), Denmark, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-4, 6-2; Laslo Djere, Serbia, def. Cristian Garin, Chile, 6-3, 2-1, ret; Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Grigor Dimitrov (26), Bulgaria, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; Casper Ruud (4), Norway, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (7-0); Cameron Norrie (13), Britain, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Jannik Sinner (8), Italy, def. Alexander Shevchenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, def. Maria Sakkari (9), Greece, 7-5, 6-3; Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Daria Kasatkina (8), Russia, def. Julia Grabher, Austria, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2); Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-0; Madison Keys (19), United States, def. Victoria Azarenka (14), Belarus, walkover; Paula Badosa, Spain, def. Marta Kostyuk (32), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2; Marie Bouzkova (27), Czech Republic, def. Coco Gauff (6), United States, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Jelena Ostapenko (20), Latvia, def. Barbora Krejcikova (10), Czech Republic, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; Elena Rybakina (7), Kazakhstan, def. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 4-3, ret; Donna Vekic (21), Croatia, def. Liudmila Samsonova (16), Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic (5), Croatia, 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 10-8; Robin Haase and Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, and Santiago Gonzalez (8), Mexico, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Lucas Miedler and Alexander Erler, Austria, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 11-9; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (2), Britain, def. Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni (8), Argentina, 6-3, 6-2; Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, and Neal Skupski (1), Britain, def. Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, and Andreas Mies, Germany, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 10-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Mackenzie McDonald and Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Lloyd Glasspool (6), Britain, 4-6, 6-2, 11-9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Ekaterina Alexandrova and Anastasia Potapova, Russia, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Miriam Kolodziejova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-2; Magda Linette, Poland, and Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, def. Latisha Chan and Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, 7-6 (9-7), 4-6, 12-10; Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, and Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 4-3, ret.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Storm Hunter, Australia, and Elise Mertens (4), Belgium, def. Camilla Rosatello and Angelica Moratelli, Italy, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6); Timea Babos, Hungary, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, walkover; Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Kimberley Zimmermann, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2; Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff (1), United States, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5), 10-8; Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, and Desirae Krawczyk (3), United States, def. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, and Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-1.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB
Baltimore Orioles: Recalled INF Joey Ortiz from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHP Nick Vespi to Norfolk. C Luis Torrens cleared waivers and elected free agency.
Chicago White Sox: Reinstated INF Jake Burger from the 10-day IL. Optioned C Carlos Perez to Charlotte (IL).
Oakland Athletics: Reinstated INF Aldemys Diaz from the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Garrett Acton from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned RHP James Kaprielian and INF Kevin Smith to Las Vegas.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	7	2	3	24	19	11
Cincinnati	7	1	3	24	15	12
Nashville	5	3	4	19	15	7
Atlanta	5	4	3	18	21	21
Philadelphia	5	4	2	17	17	14
Inter Miami CF	5	6	0	15	12	12
CF Montréal	5	6	0	15	11	17
Columbus	4	4	3	15	21	14
D.C. United	4	5	3	15	16	16
New York City FC	4	5	3	15	14	15
Orlando City	4	4	3	15	12	14
Charlotte FC	4	5	3	15	16	22
Chicago	3	3	5	14	14	16
New York	2	4	6	12	8	11
Toronto FC	2	4	6	12	13	17

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	3	2	23	19	9
Los Angeles FC	6	1	3	21	20	8
St. Louis City SC	6	4	1	19	22	13
FC Dallas	5	3	3	18	13	11
x-San Jose	5	3	3	18	15	14
Portland	4	5	3	15	18	19
Houston	4	4	2	14	10	9
Vancouver	3	3	5	14	15	12
Minnesota United	3	5	3	12	10	14
Colorado	2	4	6	12	10	14
Real Salt Lake	3	6	2	11	10	20
Austin FC	2	5	4	10	10	17
Sporting KC	2	7	3	9	8	16
x-LA Galaxy	1	6	3	6	8	17

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 1, at D.C. United 1
at Chicago 1, St. Louis City SC 0
Charlotte FC 3, at Atlanta 1
Orlando City 2, at Columbus 2
at Miami 2, New England 1
at CF Montréal 2, Toronto FC 0
at New York 1, New York City FC 0
FC Dallas 1, at Austin FC 0
Seattle 1, at Houston 0
at Sporting KC 3, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia 2, at Colorado 1
Los Angeles FC 3, at Real Salt Lake 0
Portland 3, at Vancouver 1

SUNDAY'S RESULT
San Jose at LA Galaxy, late

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:30
Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7:30
CF Montréal at Cincinnati, 7:30
LA Galaxy at Columbus, 7:30
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30
New York at Toronto FC, 7:30
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 8:30
Houston at Minnesota, 8:30
Miami at Nashville, 8:30
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Sporting KC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Austin FC at Seattle, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
LA Galaxy at D.C. United, 7:30
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30
Orlando City at Miami, 7:30
CF Montréal at New York, 7:30
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30
Toronto FC at Austin FC, 8:30
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30
Houston at FC Dallas, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30
Sporting KC at St. Louis City SC, 9:30
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Minnesota at Portland, 10:30
Seattle at Vancouver, 10:30

Sounders 1, Dynamo 0
Late Saturday

SEATTLE	0	1	1
HOUSTON	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Seattle, Rothrock, 1, 87th minute.
Goalies: Seattle, Stefan Frei, Stefan Cleveland; Houston, Steve Clark, Andrew Tarbell.
Yellow Cards: Herrera, Houston, 58th; Lodeiro, Seattle, 62nd; Ragen, Seattle, 64th; Bartlow, Houston, 90th+6.
Red Cards: Bassi, Houston, 21st.
Seattle, Stefan Frei; Cody Baker, Yeimar Gomez Andrade, Jackson Ragen; Joao Paulo (Paul Rothrock, 84th), Nicolas Lodeiro, Alex Roldan (Josh Atencio, 90th), Albert Rusnak; Heber (Fredy Montero, 71st), Jordan Morris, Dylan Teves (Ethan Dobbelaere, 71st, Reed Baker-Whiting, 84th).
Houston, Steve Clark; Ethan Bartlow, Franco Escobar (Ibrahim Aliyu, 88th), Micael, Daniel Steres; Artur, Corey Baird (Nelson Quinones, 88th), Adalberto Carrasquilla (Luis Caicedo, 80th), Hector Herrera; Amine Bassi, Ivan Franco (Brad Smith, 60th).

Red Bulls 1, New York City FC 0
Late Saturday

NEW YORK CITY FC	0	0	0
NEW YORK RED BULLS	0	1	1

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, New York Red Bulls, Fernandez, 2, 76th minute.
Goalies: New York City FC, Luis Barraza, Matt Freese; New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel, Will Meyer.
Yellow Cards: Parks, New York City FC, 37th; Reyes, New York Red Bulls, 67th; Nealis, New York Red Bulls, 72nd; Tolkin, New York Red Bulls, 81st; Casseres Jr, New York Red Bulls, 88th.
New York City FC, Luis Barraza; Maxime Chanot, Tayvon Gray, Thiago Martins Bueno; Richard Ledezma (Andres Jasson, 89th), Keaton Parks, Santiago Rodriguez, James Sands; Kevin O'Toole, Gabriel Pereira, Talles Magno.
New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel; Dylan Nealis, Sean Nealis, Andres Reyes, John Tolkin; Cristian Casseres Jr, Daniel Edelman, Omir Fernandez (Hassan Ndam, 85th), Dru Yearwood (Wikelman Carmona, 63rd); Tom Barlow (Cory Burke, 68th), Cameron Harper (Peter Stroud, 63rd).

Inter Miami CF 2, Revolution 1
Late Saturday

NEW ENGLAND	1	0	1
MIAMI	2	0	2

First Half: 1, Miami, Ruiz, 1 (Campana), 6th minute; 2, New England, Gil, 3, 26th; 3, Miami, Martinez, 3 (Ruiz), 44th.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: New England, Djordje Petrovic, Earl Edwards Jr.; Miami, Drake Callender, CJ Dos Santos, Nick Marsman.
Yellow Cards: Ruiz, Miami, 37th; Martinez, Miami, 45th+1; Taylor, Miami, 60th; Arroyo, Miami, 79th; Polster, New England, 80th; Campana, Miami, 85th; Buck, New England, 87th.
New England, Djordje Petrovic; Brandon Bye, Andrew Farrell, DeJuan Jones, Dave Romney; Emmanuel Boateng (Justin Rennicks, 67th), Noel Buck, Carles Gil, Matt Polster (Jozy Altidore, 84th); Latif Blessing (Esmir Bajraktarevic, 67th), Bobby Wood (Giacomo Vrioni, 67th).
Miami, Drake Callender; Christopher McVey, Kamal Miller, Ryan Sailor, DeAndre Yedlin; Dixon Arroyo, Benjamin Cremaschi (Corentin Jean, 76th), David Ruiz, Robert Taylor (Noah Allen, 76th); Leonardo Campana, Josef Martinez (Nicolas Stefanelli, 60th, Victor Ulloa, 86th).

Los Angeles FC 3, Real Salt Lake 0
Late Saturday

LOS ANGELES FC	2	1	3
REAL SALT LAKE	0	0	0

First Half: 1, Los Angeles FC, Opoku, 2 (Sanchez), 8th minute; 2, Los Angeles FC, Bouanga, 9 (Vela), 35th.
Second Half: 3, Los Angeles FC, Bogusz, 1 (penalty kick), 87th.
Goalies: Los Angeles FC, John McCarthy, Eldin Jakupovic; Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath, Gavin Beavers.
Yellow Cards: Ojeda, Real Salt Lake, 27th; Hollingshead, Los Angeles FC, 68th; Eneli, Real Salt Lake, 79th.
Los Angeles FC, John McCarthy; Ryan Hollingshead (Sergi Palencia, 80th), Aaron Long, Denil Maldonado, Diego Palacios; Kellyn Acosta (Jose Cifuentes, 19th), Ilie Sanchez (Erik Duenas, 89th), Timothy Tillmann; Denis Bouanga, Kwadwo Opoku (Stipe Biuk, 80th), Carlos Vela (Mateusz Bogusz, 80th).
Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath; Andrew Brody, Justen Glad, Bryan Oviedo, Brayan Vera; Andres Gomez (Anderson Julio, 59th), Braian Ojeda, Pablo Ruiz (Emeka Eneli, 73rd), Jefferson Savarino; Danny Musovski (Bertin Jacquesson, 59th), Rubio Rubin (Damir Kreilach, 73rd).

FC Dallas 1, Austin FC 0
Late Saturday

DALLAS	0	1	1
AUSTIN FC	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Dallas, Ferreira, 6 (Ntsabeleng), 89th minute.
Goalies: Dallas, Maarten Paes, James Maurer; Austin FC, Bradley Stuver, Matt Bersano.
Yellow Cards: Lletget, Dallas, 24th; Vaisanen, Austin FC, 41st; Pomykal, Dallas, 42nd; Redes, Austin FC, 46th; Valencia, Austin FC, 63rd; Ntsabeleng, Dallas, 83rd; Ferreira, Dallas, 90th+1.
Dallas, Maarten Paes; Marco Farfan, Sebastien Ibeagha, Jose Antonio Martinez (Nkosi Tafari, 59th); Sebastian Lletget (Paul Arriola, 59th, Sam Junqua, 90th+11), Paxton Pomykal (Tsiki Ntsabeleng, 78th), Facundo Quignon, Ema Twumasi; Jesus Ferreira, Jader Obrian, Alan Velasco (Bernard Kamungo, 78th).
Austin FC, Bradley Stuver; Julio Cascante, Adam Lundqvist (Nicholas Lima, 77th), Leo Vaisanen; Daniel Pereira, Alexander Ring, Jhojan Valencia (Aleksandar Radovanovic, 88th); Jon Gallagher, Rodney Redes, Emiliano Rigoni (Ethan Finlay, 88th), Gyasi Zardes (Maximiliano Urruti, 66th).

Timbers 3, Whitecaps 1
Late Saturday

VANCOUVER	1	0	1
PORTLAND	2	1	3

First Half: 1, Portland, Boli, 2 (Bravo), 2nd minute; 2, Portland, Evander, 3 (Mosquera), 18th; 3, Vancouver, McGraw, 24th.
Second Half: 4, Portland, Evander, 4 (Chara), 54th.
Goalies: Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka, Thomas Hasal; Portland, Aljaz Ivacic, David Matthew Bingham.
Yellow Cards: McGraw, Portland, 73rd; Brown, Vancouver, 74th.
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Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka; Tristan Blackmon, Javain Brown (Ryan Raposo, 83rd), Julian Gressel, Luis Martins (Deiber Caicedo, 76th), Ranko Veselinovic; Andres Cubas (Sebastian Berhalter, 83rd), Ryan Gauld, Alessandro Schopf (Ali Ahmed, 64th), Pedro Vite; Sergio Cordova (Simon Becher, 47th).
Portland, Aljaz Ivacic; Claudio Bravo, Zac McGraw, Juan David Mosquera (Eric Miller, 83rd), Dario Zuparic; Diego Chara, Yimmi Chara (Dairon Asprilla, 64th), Evander (Larrys Mabiala, 90th+1), Santiago Moreno (Marvin Loria, 84th), Cristhian Paredes; Franck Boli (Jaroslaw Niezgoda, 64th).

Sporting KC 3, Minnesota United 0
Late Saturday

MINNESOTA	0	0	0
SPORTING KC	2	1	3

First Half: 1, Sporting KC, Rosero, 1 (Salloi), 9th minute; 2, Sporting KC, Salloi, 2 (Walter), 22nd.
Second Half: 3, Sporting KC, Kinda, 1 (Russell), 84th.
Goalies: Minnesota, Dayne St. Clair, Eric Dick, Clinton Irwin; Sporting KC, Tim Melia, Kendall Mcintosh.
Yellow Cards: Rosero, Sporting KC, 21st; Tapias, Minnesota, 36th; Boxall, Minnesota, 66th.
Minnesota, Dayne St. Clair; Michael Boxall, Brent Kallman (Franco Fragapane, 46th), Kemar Lawrence (Zarek Valentin, 82nd), D.J. Taylor; Kervin Arriaga, Hassani Dotson (Mender Garcia, 65th), Robin Lod, Miguel Tapias; Bongokuhle Hlongwane, Sang-bin Jeong (Luis Amarilla, 65th).
Sporting KC, Tim Melia (Kendall Mcintosh, 69th); Andreu Fontas, Logan Ndenbe, Dany Rosero; Jake Davis, Nemanja Radoja (Gadi Kinda, 62nd), Erik Thommy (Graham Zusi, 86th), Remi Walter; Alan Pulido, Johnny Russell (Felipe Hernandez, 86th), Daniel Salloi.

Union 2, Rapids 1
Late Saturday

PHILADELPHIA	1	1	2
COLORADO	1	0	1

First Half: 1, Colorado, Ronan, 1 (penalty kick), 38th minute; 2, Philadelphia, Wagner, 1 (Carranza), 45th+2.
Second Half: 3, Philadelphia, Carranza, 4 (Mbaizo), 52nd.
Goalies: Philadelphia, Andre Blake, Joseph Bendik; Colorado, William Yarbrough, Marko Ilic.
Yellow Cards: Wilson, Colorado, 18th; Bedoya, Philadelphia, 21st; Flach, Philadelphia, 41st; Abubakar, Colorado, 42nd; Cabral, Colorado, 62nd; Nicholson, Colorado, 79th; Barrios, Colorado, 90th+9; Glesnes, Philadelphia, 90th+9; Elliott, Philadelphia, 90th+9.
Red Cards: Galvan, Colorado, 90th+9; Bueno, Philadelphia, 90th+14.
Philadelphia, Andre Blake; Jack Elliott, Jakob Glesnes, Damion Onandi Lowe, Olivier Mbaizo (Nathan Harriel, 90th+3), Kai Wagner; Alejandro Bedoya (Jesus Bueno, 90th+3), Leon Maximilian Flach, Jack McGlynn (Matt Real, 83rd); Julian Carranza (Chris Donovan, 83rd), Daniel Gazdag.
Colorado, William Yarbrough; Lalas Abubakar (Bryan Acosta, 72nd), Anthony Markanich (Braian Galvan, 58th), Andreas Maxso, Daniel Wilson; Jonathan Lewis, Danny Leyva (Moise Bombito, 81st), Sam Nicholson (Ralph Priso, 81st), Connor Ronan; Kevin Cabral (Michael Barrios, 72nd), Diego Rubio.

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	0	3	15	10	5
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gotham FC	4	2	1	13	7	6
Portland	3	1	3	12	18	10
San Diego	4	3	0	12	12	10
North Carolina	3	3	1	10	8	9
Houston	2	2	3	9	5	6
Angel City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Louisville	1	2	4	7	9	9
Orlando	2	4	1	7	5	11
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	9	14
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

SATURDAY'S RESULT
Washington 1, at Angel City 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 1, OL Reign 0
Orlando 0, at Gotham FC 0
San Diego 2, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 7
Angel City at North Carolina, 7
Louisville at Kansas City, 8
San Diego at Houston, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Portland, 5
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 6

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

GOODYEAR 400
At Darlington (S.C.) Raceway
Lap length: 1.37 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, 295 laps, 56 points.
2. (20) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 295, 42.
3. (21) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 295, 34.
4. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 295, 44.
5. (2) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 295, 40.
6. (14) Harrison Burton, Ford, 295, 31.
7. (12) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 295, 45.
8. (22) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 295, 29.
9. (11) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 295, 31.
10. (27) Chris Buescher, Ford, 295, 27.
11. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 295, 26.
12. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 295, 25.
13. (3) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 295, 30.
14. (16) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 295, 29.
15. (32) Ryan Preece, Ford, 295, 22.
16. (13) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 295, 21.
17. (31) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 295, 20.
18. (15) Joey Logano, Ford, 295, 19.
19. (25) Austin Cindric, Ford, 295, 18.
20. (7) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 295, 25.
21. (17) Aric Almirola, Ford, 295, 16.
22. (9) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 295, 17.
23. (30) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 294, 14.
24. (34) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 293, 13.
25. (28) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 293, 12.
26. (29) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 293, 11.
27. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 293, 10.
28. (26) Ryan Newman, Ford, 291, 9.
29. (5) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 287, 25.
30. (23) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 286, 0.
31. (1) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, accident, 280, 17.
32. (35) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, garage, 226, 5.
33. (19) Michael McDowell, Ford, accident, 200, 4.
34. (6) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, accident, 199, 3.
35. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 196, 2.
36. (36) Brennan Poole, Ford, transmission, 39, 0.

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed of Race Winner: 118.877 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 23 minutes, 23 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .781 seconds.
Caution Flags: 8 for 47 laps.

PRO FOOTBALL

XFL playoffs

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS
XFL SOUTH
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Arlington 26, at Houston 11

XFL NORTH
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
at D.C. 37, Seattle 21

XFL CHAMPIONSHIP
IN SAN ANTONIO
SATURDAY'S RESULT
Arlington 35, D.C. 26

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Jersey	2	3	0	.400	96	87
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	82	86
Michigan	2	3	0	.400	83	103
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	90	130

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	135	111
Houston	3	2	0	.600	142	129
Birmingham	3	2	0	.600	144	104
Memphis	2	3	0	.400	97	119

WEEK 5
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 23, at Michigan 7
Houston 27, at Birmingham 20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 24, New Jersey 21
Memphis 17, at New Orleans 10

WEEK 6
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Memphis, 12:30
Birmingham at Michigan, 4

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
New Jersey at Houston, 4

GOLF

PGA Tour

BYRON NELSON
At TPC Craig Ranch; In McKinney, Tex.
Purse: $9.5 million
Yardage: 7,414; **Par:** 71

FINAL ROUND

Jason Day	64 69 66 62	261	-23
Austin Eckroat	69 65 63 65	262	-22
Si Woo Kim	65 66 68 63	262	-22
C.T. Pan	67 66 68 62	263	-21
Zecheng Dou	63 70 64 67	264	-20
Tyrrell Hatton	68 67 65 64	264	-20
Scottie Scheffler	64 64 71 65	264	-20
Vincent Norrman	68 66 65 66	265	-19
Ryan Palmer	64 65 68 68	265	-19
Adam Scott	63 71 68 63	265	-19
Stephan Jaeger	67 71 65 63	266	-18
Kevin Tway	66 71 66 63	266	-18
Richy Werenski	64 68 68 66	266	-18
Byeong Hun An	67 67 68 65	267	-17
Mackenzie Hughes	65 64 73 65	267	-17
Sung Kang	66 68 66 67	267	-17
Peter Kuest	70 67 67 63	267	-17
Carson Young	70 68 63 66	267	-17
Joseph Bramlett	68 67 67 66	268	-16
Doug Ghim	65 70 69 64	268	-16
Scott Piercy	64 69 69 66	268	-16
Seamus Power	69 66 69 64	268	-16
Aaron Baddeley	71 65 66 67	269	-15
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	68 69 66 66	269	-15
Eric Cole	66 68 70 65	269	-15
Trevor Cone	67 68 69 65	269	-15
Nate Lashley	67 70 68 64	269	-15
Hideki Matsuyama	66 67 70 66	269	-15
Brandon Wu	70 68 67 64	269	-15
Garrick Higgo	69 68 68 65	270	-14
Patton Kizzire	66 70 64 70	270	-14
Matthew NeSmith	68 69 67 66	270	-14
Doc Redman	65 69 71 65	270	-14
Stewart Cink	73 65 66 67	271	-13
Tommy Gainey	69 68 67 67	271	-13
Adam Hadwin	67 70 67 67	271	-13
Tom Kim	71 66 69 65	271	-13
Martin Laird	72 66 66 67	271	-13
Luke List	64 72 70 65	271	-13
Henrik Norlander	66 67 69 69	271	-13
Augusto Nunez	66 70 69 66	271	-13
Sam Stevens	65 68 69 69	271	-13
Sang-Moon Bae	66 68 68 70	272	-12
Jonathan Byrd	70 68 66 68	272	-12
Tom Hoge	67 69 69 67	272	-12
Satoshi Kodaira	68 70 66 68	272	-12
Matt Kuchar	67 68 69 68	272	-12
Justin Lower	66 70 68 68	272	-12
Robby Shelton	70 67 66 69	272	-12
Ryan Armour	71 66 67 69	273	-11
Cameron Champ	70 68 66 69	273	-11
Harrison Endycott	69 64 74 66	273	-11
Tano Goya	69 68 70 66	273	-11
James Hahn	67 69 66 71	273	-11
Scott Harrington	68 68 66 71	273	-11
Seonghyeon Kim	66 68 74 65	273	-11
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	70 68 68 67	273	-11
Adam Long	71 65 71 66	273	-11
Taylor Montgomery	71 66 66 70	273	-11
Sean O'Hair	65 69 67 72	273	-11
Chad Ramey	66 71 69 67	273	-11
Chris Stroud	68 68 67 70	273	-11
Aaron Wise	68 70 71 64	273	-11
Ryan Brehm	69 68 71 66	274	-10
Parker Coody	69 67 74 64	274	-10
William McGirt	71 65 71 67	274	-10
David Micheluzzi	65 73 67 70	275	-9
Andrew Novak	66 72 70 67	275	-9
Robert Streb	68 70 69 68	275	-9
Greg Chalmers	69 65 73 69	276	-8
Will Gordon	69 67 73 67	276	-8
Jim Herman	67 71 70 68	276	-8
Davis Thompson	72 66 71 67	276	-8
Bill Haas	68 69 68 72	277	-7
Seung-Yul Noh	60 74 73 70	277	-7
Jimmy Walker	69 66 72 70	277	-7
Brice Garnett	67 71 67 73	278	-6
Fabian Gomez	68 70 73 67	278	-6

LPGA Tour

FOUNDERS CUP
At Upper Montclair Country Club; In Clifton, N.J.
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 6,536; **Par:** 72

FINAL ROUND
(x-Won on first playoff hole)

x-Jin Young Ko	68 68 72 67	275	-13
x-Minjee Lee	68 69 67 71	275	-13
Ashleigh Buhai	71 69 68 70	278	-10
Hae-Ran Ryu	67 70 70 73	280	-8
Aditi Ashok	69 68 71 73	281	-7
Atthaya Thitikul	68 73 69 71	281	-7
Angel Yin	69 70 68 74	281	-7
Nasa Hataoka	68 71 71 72	282	-6
Cheyenne Knight	68 70 71 74	283	-5
Georgia Hall	71 69 71 73	284	-4
Grace Kim	69 72 68 75	284	-4
Madelene Sagstrom	71 69 75 69	284	-4
Hye Jin Choi	68 71 74 72	285	-3
Ariya Jutanugarn	72 70 72 71	285	-3
Sarah Kemp	71 65 75 74	285	-3
Anna Nordqvist	69 72 71 73	285	-3
Celine Borge	73 67 72 74	286	-2
Min Lee	72 73 69 72	286	-2
Morgane Metraux	74 66 71 75	286	-2
Albane Valenzuela	72 67 74 73	286	-2
Na Rin An	69 71 75 72	287	-1
Sei Young Kim	66 76 68 77	287	-1
Jennifer Kupcho	72 72 73 70	287	-1
Stacy Lewis	68 72 70 77	287	-1
Lauren Coughlin	71 70 70 77	288	E
Wei-Ling Hsu	70 73 70 75	288	E
A Lim Kim	75 70 67 76	288	E
Ryann O'Toole	69 75 67 77	288	E
Mel Reid	75 70 71 72	288	E
Lizette Salas	72 72 72 72	288	E
Pajaree Anannarukarn	69 76 71 73	289	+1
Celine Boutier	73 72 73 71	289	+1
Karis Davidson	73 68 76 72	289	+1
Stephanie Kyriacou	70 69 73 77	289	+1
Alison Lee	73 70 72 74	289	+1
Yuna Nishimura	78 67 70 74	289	+1
Lexi Thompson	70 73 75 71	289	+1
Ruoning Yin	70 72 71 76	289	+1
Gemma Dryburgh	69 75 72 74	290	+2
Frida Kinhult	71 74 70 75	290	+2
Samantha Wagner	69 76 70 75	290	+2

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
at Delaware 25, Marist 10

FIRST ROUND
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Virginia 17, Richmond 8
at Notre Dame 20, Utah 7
at Georgetown 19, Yale 17
Army 16, at Maryland 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Johns Hopkins 22, Bryant 8
Michigan 15, at Cornell 14 (OT)
at Duke 12, Delaware 11
at Penn State 13, Princeton 12

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Virginia vs. Georgetown, noon, ESPNU
Michigan vs. Duke, 2:30, ESPNU

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Army vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Johns Hopkins vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY, MAY 27
TBA, noon, ESPNU
TBA, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY, MAY 29
TBA, 1, ESPNU

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pennsylvania 13, Connecticut 8
Johns Hopkins 19, Massachusetts 8
at James Madison 12, Army 8
at North Carolina 16, Sacred Heart 5
at Loyola (Md.) 11, Fairfield 6
Michigan 13, Central Michigan 6
at Florida 13, Jacksonville 7
Maryland 11, Drexel 6
Richmond 18, Marquette 8
at Denver 10, Southern California 7
Stony Brook 12, Penn State 8
Notre Dame 21, Mercer 6
Albany 16, Virginia 14

SECOND ROUND
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 16, Richmond 12
Notre Dame 16, at Florida 15
at Northwestern 8, Michigan 7
at James Madison 15, Maryland 14
at Boston College 9, Pennsylvania 7
at Loyola (Md.) 9, Stony Brook 8
at Syracuse 25, Johns Hopkins 8
at Denver 8, Albany 6

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Syracuse vs. James Madison, noon, ESPNU
Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 2:30, ESPNU
Denver vs. North Carolina, 5, ESPNU
Northwestern vs. Loyola (Md.), 7:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
TBA, 3, ESPNU
TBA, 5:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 28
TBA, noon, ESPN

GOLF ROUNDUP

Day breaks five-year drought on PGA Tour

Associated Press

Jason Day didn't make the Mother's Day connection until he saw his late mom's name on the back of his caddie's bib on the first green during the final round of the Byron Nelson.

That was just one more reason for the emotions to flow over the Australian's first victory in five years.

Day shot a 9-under-par 62 for a one-shot victory over Austin Eckroat and Si Woo Kim on Sunday in McKinney, Tex., ending a drought plagued by health issues that overlapped with Dening Day's long battle with lung cancer before her death a little more than a year ago.

"It was very emotional to go through and to experience what she was going through. Then I had injuries on top of all of that going on in my life," Day said. "It feels strange to be sitting here."

Day, winless in 105 starts since the 2018 Wells Fargo, took his first outright lead from a large group of contenders when he broke a tie at 20 under with hometown favorite Scottie Scheffler with a chip-in for birdie at the par-4 12th.

It was the second-toughest hole of the week after it was converted from a par-5 from the first two years the Nelson was held at TPC Craig Ranch, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

Day finished 23 under while ending his victory drought the week before the PGA Championship. The only major among the 35-year-old's 13 wins was the 2015 PGA.

• **LPGA TOUR:** In Clifton, N.J., Jin Young Ko overcame a four-shot deficit to win the Founders Cup for the third time in five years, getting the victory on the first playoff hole when defending champion Minjee Lee three-putted for a bogey.

In winning for the 15th time on tour and the second time this year, Ko shot a final round-best 5-under 67 in tough, windy conditions. The 27-year-old South Korean forced the playoff making a clutch downhill birdie from roughly 15 feet on No. 18 to tie for the lead.

Ko joins Lilia Vu as the only players with multiple wins on tour this year, earning $450,000 from the $3 million purse.

The players went back to the par-4 No. 18 at Upper Montclair Country Club for the playoff. Both players hit the green with their second shots, with Lee being about 15 feet away and closer than Ko, who had a winding putt from right to left.

Ko snuggled her birdie attempt to tap-in range, and Lee went for the win but putted it six feet past the hole, missing the par saver to the right. Ko tapped in and then ran over and hugged her caddie, David Brooker.

Lee gave away what would have been here ninth win on tour by squandering a three-shot 54-hole lead early and then blowing a two-shot lead with three holes to play with a bogey at No. 16 and Ko's late birdie.

• **PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS:** Steve Stricker tied the Tradition record with a 23-under 265, including a closing 65, and ran away with his second straight championship at the senior major by six strokes over Ernie Els and Robert Karlsson.

Stricker, whose late surge had pulled him into a tie with Karlsson entering the final round, continued his domination on the par-72 Founders Course at Greystone in Birmingham, Ala. It's his third win at the Tradition in the past five attempts — including two second-place finishes — and gave the 56-year-old five major wins, sixth most on the 50-and-over tour.

His birdie putt for the outright tournament scoring record was only about a foot off on No. 18.

• **DP WORLD TOUR:** Swedish golfer Simon Forsström held off countryman Jens Dantorp for a wire-to-wire victory at the Soudal Open in Antwerp, Belgium.

Forsström was one stroke ahead of Belgium's Thomas Detry overnight, but Dantorp's late charge from third proved the main threat. Some late birdies for Forsström did enough for a 2-under 69 to finish 17 under overall.

• **LIV TOUR:** In Broken Arrow, Okla., Dustin Johnson overcame a triple bogey by making a birdie on the 18th hole to join a playoff and another birdie on the 18th to win LIV Golf Tulsa for his first win this year.

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820 Official Notices

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850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
Kathleen Young
1099 Winterson Road,
Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

John P. Barkmeyer
2710 Deer Ridge Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Defendant

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003376

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **27 day of April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **25 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **25 day of May, 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$492,000.00**. The property sold herein is known as **2710 Deer Ridge Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12421315

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

DANIELLE K GILLON
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: 434017V

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **10 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Montgomery, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage and Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **9610 Mcalpine Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Montgomery once a week for three successive weeks before the **9 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of the sale to be **$400,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
County of Montgomery

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200
Manassas, Virginia 20109
703-449-5800

Trustees File #17-266876

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422429

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

DELORES F. BLUM
8131 Needwood Road Unit 202
Derwood, MD 20855
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004778

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **27 day of April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **8131 Needwood Road, Unit 202, Derwood, MD 20855,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26 day of May, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$211,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-340683

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12421314

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

SHARON I. WOLD
1267 Elm Grove Circle
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Defendants(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004394

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **10 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1267 Elm Grove Circle, Silver Spring, MD 20905,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$245,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-356473

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422430

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

MEI LAN YU
XIAO YUN CHEN
CHING KO
18711 Sparkling Water Drive
Unit 10-D
Germantown, MD 20874
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003374

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3rd day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **18711 Sparkling Water Drive Unit 10-D, Germantown, MD 20874,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$184,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-67576

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422031

815 Legal Notices

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *United States of America v. ASSA ABLOY AB and Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 22-2791-ACR. On September 15, 2022, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that ASSA ABLOY's proposed acquisition of Spectrum Brands' Hardware and Home Improvement division would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The proposed Final Judgment, filed on May 5, 2023, requires ASSA ABLOY to divest its EMTEK-branded business, its Schaub-branded business, its August-branded business, and its Yale-branded multifamily and residential smart lock business in the United States and Canada. It also requires ASSA ABLOY and Spectrum Brands to submit to oversight by a monitoring trustee, who will have the power and authority to monitor ASSA ABLOY's and Spectrum Brands' compliance with the proposed Final Judgment. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on May 5, 2023 describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, Competitive Impact Statement, and the documents the United States considered determinative in formulating the proposed Final Judgment are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Chief, Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 8700, Washington, DC 20530 within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register.*

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

LAWRENCE WATSON, JR.
13742 Dovekie Avenue
Clarksburg, MD 20871
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004150

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **10 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **13742 Dovekie Avenue, Clarksburg, MD 20871,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **13 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **13 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$267,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-360179

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422432

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

SHANILLE NELSON
19027 Stedwick Drive
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
Defendants(s).

Case No. 480248V

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **12 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **19027 Stedwick Drive, Montgomery Village, MD 20886,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **13 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **13 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$328,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-344621

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422478

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Michael J Philbin
13900 Congress Drive
Rockville, MD 20853

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-15-CV-22-002061

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3rd** day of **May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of **13900 Congress Drive, Rockville, MD 20853,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **31 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **31 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$403,000.00.**

KAREN A, BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422035

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

DAVID WILLIAMSON, et al,
Substitute Trustees,
Plantiffs,

v.

THE ESTATE OF
CLARENCE BALLOU, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-15-CV-22-003940

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **10** day of **May, 2023** that the sale of the property in this case, **19241 WARRIOR BROOK DRIVE GERMANTOWN, MD 20874,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **8** day of **June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in the Washington Post, a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **8** day of **June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$317,500.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County,
Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422431

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Apichart Pengchit
1217 Highwood Road
Rockville, MD 20851

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-15-CV-21-000233

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **27** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of **1217 Highwood Road, Rockville, MD 20851,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **30 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$362,000.00.**

KAREN A, BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12421313

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

DIANE ELAINE WHITAKER
(DECEASED)
1222 Northern Lights Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Defendant(s).

Case No. CAEF22-26677

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **9 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1222 Northern Lights Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$494,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince
George's County, Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422422

820 Official Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
CHESAPEAKE BAY EASTERN SHORE - Construction Zone around the Bay Bridge

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .01 under COMAR 08.18.07 Chesapeake Bay. The purpose of this action is to establish a 6-knot speed limit in the Chesapeake Bay for the area surrounding the construction site of the Maryland Transportation Authority's Eastbound Bay Bridge Deck Replacement Project. Comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through June 5, 2023. Please visit the Boating Regulations webpage for all information at https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/regulations/changes_boating.aspx #cbescz

Josh Kurtz
Secretary of Natural Resources

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Miroslav Nikolov
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Retina Toomer
5804 Falkland Place
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF22-28371

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **5804 Falkland Place, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 ,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$178,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #642
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12420975

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Wallace L Wye a/k/a
Wallace Wye
3907 Billings Place
Capital Heights, MD 20743

Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF22-25515

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **17** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **3907 Billings Place, Capital Heights, MD 20743 ,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **17 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **17 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$213,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12420972

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Opal Hunter
Estate of Terri L Cottingham
Sherian L Sanders
5107 Boulder Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Defendant(s)

Case No. CAEF20-00012

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **25** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **5107 Boulder Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 ,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **25 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **25 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$258,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #568
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422059

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

John Ansell, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

v.

CORNELIUS WILEY,
Defendant

Case No. CAEF19-36595

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **11 day of May, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **14201 Owings Ave, Brandywine, Maryland 20613,** reported by John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in The Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **12 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$537,920.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #642
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Prince Georges County, MD

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422462

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,

Plaintiff,

v.

ELRETA E. EDMONDS, et al

Defendants.

Case No. CAEF19-23608

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **9 day of May, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **3800 28TH AVENUE APT 124 TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$84,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422421

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DAVID WILLIAMSON, et al,
Substitute Trustee,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE ESTATE OF
EARLSTON V. FORD, et al

Defendants.

Case No.C-16-CV-22-000069

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **9 day of May, 2023,** that the sale of the property in this case, **3381 CHESTER GROVE RD UNIT B UPPER MARLBORO. MD 20774,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$150,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin#769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, MD

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422415

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

BARBARA J. WILLIAMS
PHILANDER A. WILLIAMS, II
524 Wilson Bridge Drive Unit A1
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-22-000935

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **524 Wilson Bridge Drive Unit A1 Oxon Hill, MD 20745,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$65,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince
George's County, Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422180

825 Bids & Proposals

THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(6) 30lb Front loader Washer Machines

The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. is inviting firms to submit proposals for the removal and replacement of (6) 30 lb Front Loader Washer Machines. Additional specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm from:

Carl Dyson
Campus Operations Manager
THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
4300 C Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
CDyson@seedschooldc.org
202-248-7773 x 5045

The deadline for submitting bids is May 22nd, 2023 at 12:00pm

All bids not addressing all areas as outlined in the RFP will not be considered.

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Lanie P. Alston AKA
Lanie Alston and
Kenneth Alston AKA
Kenneth S. Alston, AKA
Kenneth F. Alston
Defendant(s)

Civil No.CAEF15-08667

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **10 day of May, 2023** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **1111 Egyptian Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774,** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin August, Hugh J. Green and Patrick Decker, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023;** provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **12 day of June 2023.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$522,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans #14-700000

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422414

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

BERNARD R. SAVOY AKA
BERNARD SAVOY
ARLENE H. SAVOY AKA
ARLENE SAVOY (DECEASED)
3210 Brinkley Road Unit #3
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000796

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **3210 Brinkley Road, Unit #3, Temple Hills, MD 20748,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$128,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince
George's County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422048

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

EVELYN M. CHARLES (DECEASED)
2716 Kelner Drive
Landover A/R/T/A
Hyattsville, MD 20785
Defendants(s).

Case No. CAEF22-25434

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **2716 Kelner Drive, Landover A/R/T/A Hyattsville, MD 20785**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$366,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince
George's County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422045

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Rigoberto Guevara AKA
Rigoberto J Guevara
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-22-000934

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **9 day of May, 2023** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **7005 23rd Place, Hyattsville, MD 20783**, made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin August, Hugh J. Green and Patrick Decker, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023;** provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **9 day of June 2023.**

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$352,873.67.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans #22-001358

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422416

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

BRUCE BOND (DECEASED)
6900 Barton Road
Hyattsville, MD 20784
Defendant (s).

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001110

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **12 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6900 Barton Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$347,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #642
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422484

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Jeffrey Dunbar
5602 Monroe Street
Hyattsville, MD 20784

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-22-000561

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **12** day of **May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **5602 Monroe Street, Hyattsville, MD 20784 ,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12 day of June, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$272,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #642
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422477

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Jason A. Pardo, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

COURT APPOINTED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1369 Barnaby Terrace, S.E.
Washington, DC 20032

Lot 0041 in Square 5823

In execution of an Order/Decree ("Sale Decree") from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia ("Court") in Case No. 2022 CA 003322 R(RP) ("Foreclosure Case"), the Court Appointed Substitute Trustee ("Substitute Trustee") will offer for sale at public auction the real property located at 1369 Barnaby Terrace, S.E., Washington, DC 20032, designated as being Lot 0041 in Square 5823, and as more fully described in the Purchase Money Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated November 3, 2016 and recorded on November 16, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016119899, from Marilyn D. McPherson Corder ("Borrower"), as grantor, to George G. Shapiro and Tyler C. Sterns (collectively, "Original Trustees"), as trustees. The sale will occur at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 on

MAY 16, 2023 AT 2:05 PM

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. The sale will be subject to ratification by the Court.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes and water/sewer charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A nonrefundable deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of the bid price by certified funds will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Substitute Trustee may condition the right to bid or acceptance of bids upon a showing of said deposits, and may reserve the right to reject any bid made by anyone who does not have the deposit in hand at the auction. Substitute Trustee shall hold any deposit in a non-interest bearing trust account. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for noteholder and any of noteholder's successors or assigns. Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to Substitute Trustee that shall be announced at the sale. Substitute Trustee may enter into a contract of sale with the highest qualified bidder subject to ratification by the Court, and any memorandum of sale must indicate that the sale is subject to said ratification. If a third party bidder is successful at the auction, the bond filed in the Foreclosure Case shall be increased to the full amount of the purchase price, which shall be posted prior to ratification by the Court. Substitute Trustee shall file a Verified Report of Sale with the Court within thirty (30) days of the auction. The Verified Report of Sale shall specify the time, place, terms of the sale, the purchaser, the purchase amount, and the deposit held, together with an affidavit and documentation establishing that Substitute Trustee complied with the notice and advertisement requirements of the Deed of Trust and Sale Decree. Unless otherwise ordered at the time of ratification, settlement shall occur by payment of all sums due under the bid in certified funds to Substitute Trustee within thirty (30) calendar days from the entry of an order ratifying the sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs. If purchaser fails or refuses to settle within the allotted time frame, the deposit will be forfeited and Substitute Trustee may apply the deposit toward costs, fees and his compensation associated with the initial auction and the resale process. Any remaining amount shall be credited to the underlying debt. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default. If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever. After purchaser's funds submitted to Substitute Trustee have cleared, Substitute Trustee shall execute and deliver a Substitute Trustee's Deed, transferring title to purchaser. The costs of recording the Substitute Trustee's Deed shall be the responsibility of purchaser. Substitute Trustee shall be entitled to recover his costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees and commissions as authorized by the Deed of Trust for the execution of duties performed in accordance with the foreclosure and the Sale Decree as part of the settlement. Within sixty (60) days of settlement, Substitute Trustee shall file evidence of the settlement including a copy of the Substitute Trustee's Deed, a proposed accounting and distribution of funds, and a proposed order ratifying the distribution. A copy of those documents shall be sent to Borrower and all junior lien holders, together with a notice that any claim or dispute with the proposed accounting and distribution must be filed within fourteen (14) days, and that if no claim or objection is filed, the accounting and distribution may be ratified by the Court without further hearing. Any unclaimed funds due to junior lienholders, owners, or any other party, may be identified for payment into the Court registry, and upon payment thereof, Substitute Trustee may request a determination that his duties have been discharged and the Foreclosure Case be closed with the bond released. Substitute Trustee may establish additional terms of sale as may be appropriate in his judgment to promote the best price at the auction so long as any additional terms remain consistent with and do not alter the specific terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the Sale Decree.

Jason A. Pardo, Court Appointed Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.
5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440
Washington, DC 20015
202-483-4567
www.hwestauctions.com

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1811 Kendall Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 0827 in Square 4047

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated August 29, 2019 and recorded on September 5, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019095135 from UP AND UP RE LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I, LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated August 29, 2019 in the principal amount of $596,800.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:10 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1811 Kendall Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 0827 in Square 4047), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 2023 12420286

Ford Law Pros, P.C.
1001 L Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
(202)792-4946

UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 302 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES 5000 Call Place SE, Washington DC 20019. Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 and Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141189, respectively, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, notice filed April 14, 2023, and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on **May 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, STE 100 WASHINGTON DC 20016, the following described premises situate in the District of Columbia and designated as and being lot 2026 in square 5323, more particularly described as 5000 Call Place SE, Unit 302 in the WOODSON HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM (hereafter "Condominium") which was constituted and established under the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 according to the Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 200714189, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Condominium.

TOGETHER WITH all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and By-laws relating thereto, as amended.

The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium.

TERMS OF SALE:

Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month super-priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other particulars, if any, may be announced at time of sale.

A deposit of $10,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash, certified check, or in such other form as the attorney for the Unit Owners Association in its sole discretion requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and therefore, must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, for any reason whatsoever, purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit.

Yaida O. Ford, Attorney for Owner's Association

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

3305 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0808 in Square 5452

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 22, 2021 and recorded on October 22, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021140660 from GN Investment Properties, LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated October 22, 2021 in the principal amount of $344,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 3305 E Street, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0808 in Square 5452), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any.

Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 2023 12420285

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
7470 Technology Way, Suite P
Frederick, MD 21703

5200 KANSAS AVENUE NW,
Washington, DC 20011

In execution of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia's Decree of Sale in 2019-CA-005528-R(RP), the undersigned Trustee(s) will offer for sale the property known as 5200 KANSAS AVENUE NW, Washington, DC 20011 at public auction within the offices of, HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC. 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567 On **June 6, 2023 AT 11:45 AM**, the land and premises situated in the **District of Columbia**, and designated as and being 2018118297 in , and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust recorded in the Land Records of the District of Columbia, on November 26, 2018 as Instrument Number 2018118297.

The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of the lesser of $ 75,000 or 10% of the sale price will be required at time of sale in cash or certified funds. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within 30 days of final ratification of the sale by the Court.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

Trustees' File No. DC2022-00015

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
MIROSLAV NIKOLAV, Trustee(s)

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2023 12421981

TRUSTEE'S SALE
Of Valuable Real Estate located in the District of Columbia
known as
1239 5th Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20001

FILE No. 139157.00002

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust duly recorded in the land records of the **District of Columbia** on December 17, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021164061 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure dated and recorded April 21, 2023, Public law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee having been substituted for the trustee(s) named in said Deed of Trust, will sell, at public auction, at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, **(Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015)**, on **May 25, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.** some or all of the property described in said Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 0842, Square 0513, and more particularly described as follows:

Part of original lot 16 in Square 513 as per plat recorded in Liber 71 at folio 138 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia and being described as follows: Beginning for the same on the line of 5th Street, West at a point distant 15 feet 3 inches North of the Southwest corner of said Lot; thence North on said Street 16 feet: thence East 80 feet: thence South 6 feet: thence West 80 feet to the place of beginning.

Said property being now known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 842 in Square 513 (the "Property").

Terms of Sale

The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition and the purchaser shall assume the risk of loss or damage to the property after the time of the foreclosure sale. Neither the Trustee, the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the auctioneer, nor any of their respective agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Selling Parties") make any representation or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property, or any tenancies or parties in possession, including without limitation, the description, use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, marketability, or insurability (hazard or title), subdivision, zoning, environmental condition, compliance with building codes or other laws (such as Americans with Disabilities Act), ordinances or regulations, fitness for a particular purpose, or merchantability of all or any part of the Property. The purchaser waives and releases the Selling Parties from any and all claims the purchaser or the purchaser's successors or assigns may have now or may have in the future relating to the sale or the condition of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to rights of parties in possession, any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, other encumbrances, statutes, if any, affecting the Property, whether or not of record and all statutes, ordinances or court rules, including any lien for unpaid condominium assessments pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-1903.13, if applicable, to the extent such things have priority over the Deed of Trust and to the extent such things survive the foreclosure sale. The Property is also sold subject to a post-sale audit of the status of the loan. All interested bidders are specifically encouraged to review all federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, and court rules concerning the Property and to contact the appropriate governmental authorities prior to the sale date regarding the Property, including without limitation, encumbrances, liens, violations, permitted uses and the requirements, if any, for registration, obtaining possession, cure of violations, construction, completion, or development. The Trustee will not deliver possession to the purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the property.

A deposit of $70,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in the form of a certified check, or in such other form as the Trustee may determine, in his sole discretion. Whenever the purchaser is also the party secured by the said Deed of Trust, payment of the required deposit and purchase price is made by crediting the amount thereof to the indebtedness. The balance in cash or immediately available funds, with interest at seven and ninety-nine hundredths per centum (7.99%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement or the balance of the proceeds are received by the Trustee, whichever is later, shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The party secured by the Deed of Trust shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

Real property taxes, water charges, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. Conveyance of the Property shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, specifically including marketability or insurability (hazard or title), unless otherwise required by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. In the event the Trustee is unable for any reason to convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be to request and receive a return of the deposit. Upon return of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustee.

Compliance with terms of sale shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of sale or the deposit shall be forfeited. In the event of a default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and trustee's commission) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit as determined by the Trustee unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. The Trustee may then readvertise and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser (such risk and cost shall include any attorney's fees or costs in connection with all litigation, including appeals, involving the Property or the proceeds of a resale; or contesting the Selling Parties' right to conduct a resale; or seeking to invalidate this sale unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust; and, if the defaulting purchaser has received any 'rent' from any occupant or tenant of the Property such amount received shall be promptly delivered to the Trustee; or, without reselling the Property, the Trustee may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser). In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser. This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the conduct of the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the property shall be offered for sale.

Benjamin P. Smith, Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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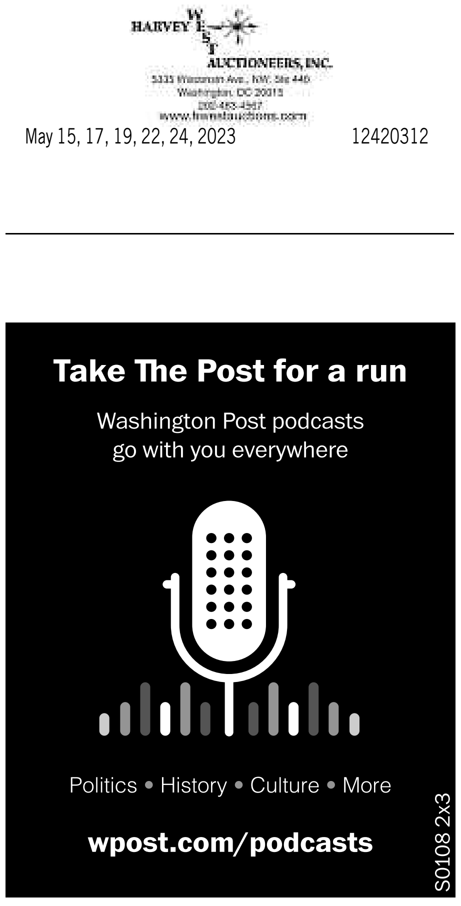

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UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 201 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES 300 50th Street SE, Washington DC 20019. Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 and Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141189, respectively, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, notice filed April 14, 2023 and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on, **May 25, 2023, 1:04 p.m.** within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, STE 100 WASHINGTON DC 20016, the following described premises situate in the District of Columbia and designated as and being lot 2005 in square 5323, more particularly described as 300 50th Street, SE in the WOODSON HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM (hereafter "Condominium") which was constituted and established under the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 according to the Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 200714189, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Condominium.

TOGETHER WITH all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and By-laws relating thereto, as amended.

The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month super-priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other particulars, if any, may be announced at time of sale.

A deposit of $10,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash, certified check, or in such other form as the attorney for the Unit Owners Association in its sole discretion requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and therefore, must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, for any reason whatsoever, purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

10661 WEYMOUTH STREET UNIT 204
Bethesda, MD 20814

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DAVID E. WATERS AND ANTHONY B. OLMERT SR, Trustee(s), dated August 2, 2019, and recorded among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 58713 , folio 127, RERECORDED IN BOOK 59953, PAGE 106, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

MAY 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 10661 W 204, OF A PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION STYLED "PARKSIDE CONDOMINIUM", AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN LIBER 5684 AT FOLIO 525, AND PURSUANT CONDOMINIUM PLATS RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK 23 AT PLATS 2364 THROUGH 2395, INCLUSIVE, AND ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $22,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.375% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (20-00598)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

13004 SHADYSIDE LANE UNIT #218
Germantown, MD 20874

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to RICHARD W. GUBER, Trustee(s), dated June 24, 2009, and recorded among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 37676 , folio 291, modified October 9, 2018 in Book 57195, Page 413, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

MAY 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (218), IN BUILDING NUMBERED 13, IN A PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM-PHASE THIRTEEN, BUILDING THIRTEEN, WATERS HOUSE CONDOMINIUM" AS RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK 35 AT PLAT NO. 3650, ET SEQ., AND ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, BEING PART OF THE LAND AND PREMISES DECLARED SUBJECT TO A CONDOMINIUM REGIME BY A CERTAIN MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 6041 AT FOLIO 689 AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS, AND BY AN AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION (FOR PURPOSES OF ADDING PHASE 13) RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1984 IN LIBER 6509 AT FOLIO 893., AND ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND. TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, COMMON EXPENSES AND COMMON PROFITS OF THE CONDOMINIUM REGIME AS IS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE SAID DECLARATION AND BY-LAWS AS WELL AS ALL RECORDED AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $16,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (18-02430)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees

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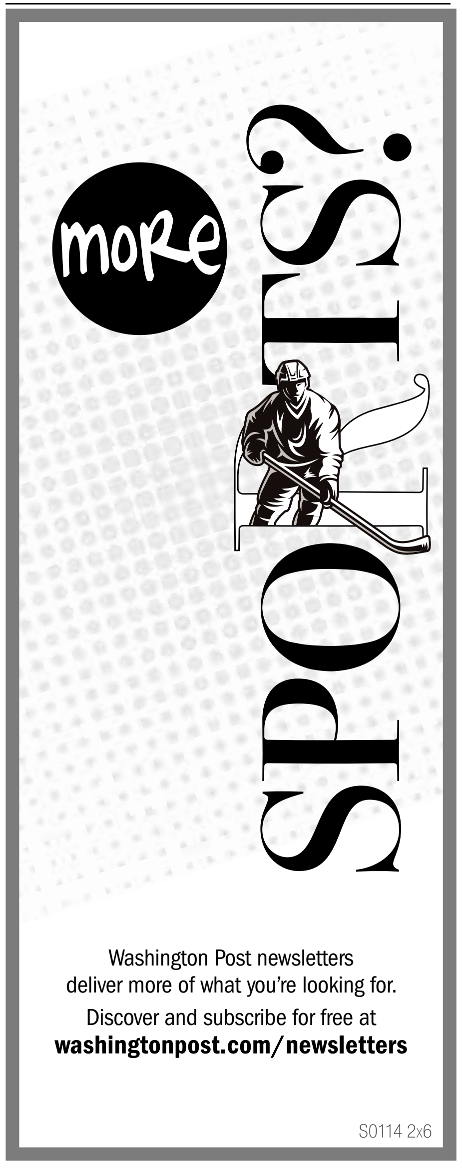

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

9204 SURRATTS MANOR DRIVE
Clinton, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2020 and recorded in Deed Book 43893 at Page 151 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 16, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 09-0948570

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $25,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 4% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-002602-01

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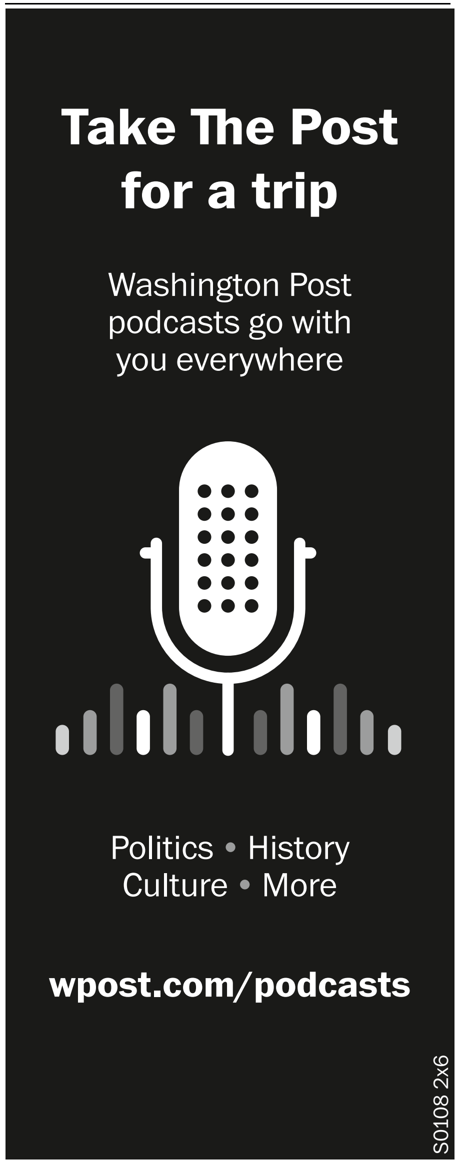

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3102 BARCROFT DRIVE
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 26084 at Page 495 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 20-2236172

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne,
Adrian Jacobs, Brian Campbell,
Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-002105-01

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

615 WAVELAND AVENUE
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2014 and recorded in Deed Book 36509 at Page 428 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 18-3942893

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $34,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 3.5% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne,
Adrian Jacobs, Brian Campbell,
Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-002934-01

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

13402 COLWYN ROAD
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 28, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 25498 at Page 057 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 16, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 05-0410753

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $50,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 6% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne,
Adrian Jacobs, Brian Campbell,
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

2309 OLSON STREET #203
Temple Hills, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 14, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 20019 at Page 259 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 16, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 12-1266162

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 6.875% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-003183-01

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

1429 ALBERTA DRIVE
District Heights, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 20, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book 30402 at Page 206 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

MAY 16, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 06-0578138

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $16,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 6.5% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-001979-01

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

735 Eddy Rd
Crownsville, MD 21032

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LINDA L. ROSE, Trustee(s), dated September 3, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 28823 , folio 001 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

MAY 23, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOTS NUMBERED FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) IN BLOCK NUMBERED SEVEN (7), AS SHOWN ON THE "AMENDED PLAT OF SECTION A, HERALD HARBOR, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, FOLIO 15, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND. PARCEL ID: 02-413-00432000

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $24,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.75 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020.
File No. (19-11522)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

8319 Watermill Drive
Millersville, MD 21108

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MARK H. FRIEDMAN AND KENNETH J. MACFADYEN, Trustee(s), dated December 28, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 18688 , folio 615 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

MAY 23, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 33 AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "GARTELMILL, 87 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS" AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AT PLAT BOOK 202, PAGES 28 THROUGH 31 AND ALSO AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT GARTELMILL PHASE II", WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AT PLAT BOOK 211, PAGE 31. PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 03-332-9010260

Said property is subject to a prior mortgage.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $33,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.00001% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (14-22713)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri,
Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan,
Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees

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A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508
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855 Charles County

GREENSPOON MARDER, LLP
201 International Circle, Suite 230
Hunt Valley, MD 21030

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4385 RENNER ROAD
WALDORF, MD 20602

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY C. PRUITT, dated August 9, 2007 and recorded in book 6427 , page 301 among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-08-CV-22-000386; Tax ID No. 08-023581) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CHARLES COUNTY courthouse located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0346)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON,
NICOLE LIPINSKI,
Substitute Trustee (s)

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856 Frederick County

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid & Crane, LLC
11350 McCormick Road, EP 1, Suite 302
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
470-321-7112

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
6854 CARNATION CIRCLE, FREDERICK, MD 21703

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 27, 2020, and recorded in Liber 13500, folio 146, of the land records of **FREDERICK COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $175,826.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

MAY 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 28-558236

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $17,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.750% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-049102)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Bryson Stephen,
Substitute Trustees

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May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12416662

856 Frederick County

MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
11900 Parklawn Drive
Suite 320
Rockville, Maryland 20852
(470) 480-1820

TRUSTEE'S SALE
106 W D STREET
Brunswick, MD 21716

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 15, 2016 and recorded in Deed Book 11456 at Page 257 among the Land Records of **FREDERICK COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the FREDERICK COUNTY, 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701, on

MAY 24, 2023 AT 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 25-487400

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $27,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 3% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne, Adrian Jacobs,
Brian Campbell, Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees
File No.: 22-001907

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857 Howard County

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Hunt Valley, MD 21030

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7030 LONG VIEW ROAD
Columbia, MD 21044

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from PULLA G. REDDY, dated January 15, 2015 and recorded in book 16013 , page 234 among the Land Records of **HOWARD COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-13-CV-22-000038; Tax ID No. 05-361478) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction HOWARD COUNTY courthouse located at 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 .

MAY 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 43,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for HOWARD COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0327)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON,
MARC L. MEDEL,
NICOLE LIPINSKI,
Substitute Trustee (s)

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

WILLIE ADAMS (DECEASED)
GAIL C. ADAMS (DEGEASED)
12420 Alamance Way
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-22-000008

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **12420 Alamance Way, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023**.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$497,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince George's County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422052

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS (DECEASED)
CARRIE D. WILLIAMS (DECEASED)
2101 Queens Chapel Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-22-000621

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **2101 Queens Chapel Road Hyattsville, MD 20782**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023**.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$302,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince George's County, Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422179

878 Stafford County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
702 Grafton Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 15, 2019 and recorded at Instrument Number 190003661 in the Clerk's Office for the **Stafford County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $252,465.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Judicial Building, Circuit Court for Stafford County located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.

June 05, 2023 at 10:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land with improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto lying, being and situate in Leeland Magisterial District, Stafford County, Virginia, known as Lot 12, Section 6, Grafton Village Subdivision, as shown on plat of said subdivision recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Stafford County, Virginia in Plat Book 3 at page 67. Subject to that certain Deed of Dedication dated July 25,1966 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 169 at page 550.

Parcel ID: 54K812

Commonly Known As: 702 Grafton Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
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www.rosenberg-assoc.com

May 15, 22, 2023 12418116

881 Orange County

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
7232 Zachary Taylor Highway, Unionville, VA 22567

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated August 25, 2006 and recorded at Instrument Number 060009466 in the Clerk's Office for the Orange County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $75,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Orange Circuit Courthouse located at 110 N Madison Road, Orange, VA 22960.

June 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the west side of U.S. Rt. 522, in Taylor Magisterial District, Orange County, Virginia, and being more particularly described on a survey of Stearns L. Coleman, C.L.S., dated June 12, 1978, recorded in Deed Book 314, page 368, as containing 6.910, more or less.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of $470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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May 15, 22, 2023 12418906

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Stephanie Gilmore
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAEF22-25478

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **9 day of May, 2023** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **6500 Kipling Pkwy, District Heights, MD 20747**, made and reported by James E. Clarke, Renee Dyson, Brian Thomas, Erin August, Hugh J. Green and Patrick Decker, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **9 day of June, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **9 day of June 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$333,245.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans #22-002735

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422417

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

ARTHUR J. BROWN
5606 Lansing Drive
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendants(s).

Case No. C-16-CV-22-000595

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **5606 Lansing Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023**.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$315,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince George's County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422046

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

VERONICA E. THOMAS
ULRIC THOMAS
6900 Greenboro Lane
Fort Washington, MD 20744
Defendants(s).

Case No. CAEF19-30226

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **3 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6900 Greenboro Lane, Fort Washington, MD 20744**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023**.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$397,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit COurt for Prince George's County, Maryland

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422043

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

ESTATE OF
LENORA FAYE HOLDER, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001124

NOTICE

ORDERED this **11 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **10409 Blackstone Avenue, Cheltenham, MD 20623** , mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12 day of June, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12 day of June, 2023** next.

The report states the amount of sale to be **$412,660.32.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422728

853 Calvert County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustees,
Plantiffs,

v.

MICHAEL J. BARRETT, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-04-CV-22-000044

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **25** day of **April, 2023** that the sale of the property in this case, **1110 WHITE SANDS DR LUSBY, MD 20657**, reported by David Williamson, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **25** day of **May, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in the Washington Post, a newspaper published in CALVERT County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **25** day of **May, 2023.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$236,800.00.**

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12421307

855 Charles County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

DAVID WILLIAMSON, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plantiff,

v.

THE ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS CRISTARELLA, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-08-CV-22-000528

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **10th** day of **May, 2023** that the sale of the property in this case, **9300 WOODLAND RD, POMFRET, MD 20675**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **13th** day of **June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in the Washington Post, a newspaper published in CHARLES County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **12th** day of **June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$267,000.00.**

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk

May 15, 22, 29, 2023 12422726

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Hilda D Cameron
6750 Chicamuxen Road
Indian Head, MD 20640

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-08-CV-22-000543

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26** day of **April, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, that the sale of **6750 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head, MD 20640,** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30 day of May, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **30 day of May, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$76,000.00.**

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County,
Maryland

May 1, 8, 15, 2023 12421163

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

KEITH YACKO

VS.

SANDRA OLAND

Case Number:
C-10-CV-22-000351
Other Reference Numbers:

Date: 4/24/2023

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **24th day of April, 2023**, that the sale made and recorded by Jennifer Deardorff for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

2744 Lander Rd,
Jefferson, MD 21755

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$276,857.17.**

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Other Reference Numbers:

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ROBERT MYERS, ET AL.

Date: **5/3/2023**

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11387 Canary Drive,
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The report states the amount of the sale to be **$371,000.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

May 8, 15, 22, 2023 12422038

876 Loudoun County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $522,167.00 dated July 14, 2021 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Loudoun County** on July 19, 2021 as Instrument Number: 20210719-0077874, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176 on **July 10, 2023 at 2:15 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain lot or parcel of land together with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in County of Loudoun, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

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Terps come undone in fourth quarter and fall to Dukes

JAMES MADISON 15, MARYLAND 14

BY MADISON HRICIK

HARRISONBURG, VA. — In a 15-minute span, Maryland women's lacrosse put on a master class against James Madison to enter the fourth period of its NCAA tournament game with a four-goal lead. The Terps won draw controls, forced fouls and displayed powerful shooting, putting themselves in position to reach the national quarterfinals.

Then JMU attacker Isabella Peterson took control of the match.

The Dukes star scored four goals in the fourth period, including the game-tying tally with just over two minutes remaining, and late substitution Caitlin McElwee deposited the winner with 54 seconds left to lift JMU to a 15-14 home victory in the second round.

"She obviously shot lights-out today on her opportunities, which was great for her," Maryland Coach Cathy Reese said of Peterson, who finished with seven goals. "And obviously they came out on top today and shot better than we did, and looking at the scoreboard . . . we generated a lot more looks than they did, but they finished more than we did."

MARYLAND ATHLETICS

No. 11 Maryland outshot No. 7 James Madison 34-24 but was unable to match the Dukes' efficiency.

No. 11 Maryland (15-7) outshot JMU 34-24 but could not match the efficiency of the No. 7 Dukes (19-2).

After a third period in which they completely controlled play and outscored JMU 4-1, the Terps led 12-8 entering the fourth.

Peterson scored twice to begin the final period, but the Terps responded with two more goals to go up 14-10. It all turned from there.

That four-goal lead turned into a three-goal lead. Then a two-goal lead. Then a one-goal lead, a tie and a deficit. The Dukes scored five times in the final 6:21, including Peterson twice.

After McElwee's goal, Maryland won the draw control to give itself a chance to tie the score late, but it could not convert.

"Those are the moments you dream up as a little girl," McElwee said. "That was the best feeling in the world. I didn't even know the ball left my stick. And then I was like, 'Wow, that just happened.' "

Reese said after Maryland's 11-6 first-round win over Drexel on Friday that the offense needed to shoot faster and earlier. Senior attacker Hannah Leubecker, despite dealing with a lingering injury throughout the postseason, helped lead the way with her four goals.

It wasn't that the Terrapins played a bad game, Reese said, but rather that they allowed the Dukes too many chances on late draw controls and possessions so they could chip away at all the work the Terps did in the third.

Maryland nearly silenced JMU's offense in that third quarter, only giving up the one goal and holding the Dukes to three shots. Even then, the Terps failed on all three free positions in the third and converted only one of six throughout the game.

"I had anticipated we would draw more eight-meters today. But that wasn't the case," Reese said. "We need to do a better job on that — and feel like I've been talking about that a lot this season, unfortunately."

James Madison advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time since its 2018 national championship. Maryland, meanwhile, must regroup for next spring.

"Next year, we're looking forward to continuing to work hard," Leubecker said. "We're going to give it our best shot. This just makes us [united] even more, so we're going to continue to work."

WCAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Cadets complete a dominant season with a two-game sweep of the Eagles

ST. JOHN'S 6, GONZAGA 1

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

To the St. John's Cadets, every day on the field is just another day on the field. Even in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship series. Even when Gonzaga, that feisty team that broke their six-season championship streak a year ago, returned for a rematch this year.

Still, inside the pile that formed left of the mound at Nationals Youth Baseball Academy in Southeast Washington, underneath the tear-smudged eye black and choked-up words of affirmation that followed Sunday's 6-1 series-ending Game 2 victory over Gonzaga, the Cadets found themselves valuing this day just a little more than the others.

"It feels good to be back," said senior first baseman Andy Francis, who went 4 for 4.

The Cadets claim this year's run, a 30-1-1 tour de force that slots them alongside the best programs in the country and elevates them far above every other school in the D.C. area, was special. But only because any year that ends in a WCAC title is special.

Certainly, no year in the WCAC is easy, and no run is unvalued, even during a season in which St. John's outscored its opponents 282-44. Because the Cadets practice year-round, they say, their bond is closer than other local programs. Continuity, combined with recruited talent, kept the machine turning after last year's runner-up finish.

CRAIG HUDSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

St John's outscored opponents 282-44 during a 30-1-1 season that ended with a two-game WCAC championship series sweep of Gonzaga.

"Success begets success," St. John's Coach Mark Gibbs said.

On Sunday, those weighty barrels and whipping arms excelled. Clayton Armah, a 6-foot-4 sophomore right-hander committed to Auburn, stymied Gonzaga batters, blanking the Eagles (20-8) until a solo home run in the sixth inning. Cadets junior outfielder Brady Ruiz-Weiss opened scoring with a two-run blast that cleared the right field wall by a good dozen feet.

After Ruiz-Weiss's home run, the Cadets recorded eight more hits, five of which they legged out as infield hits or bunted singles. The Cadets scored four runs in the next five innings, three of which came from a sacrifice bunt and two sacrifice flies.

"We stick to the little details," Armah said. "That's what separates us."

In the WCAC semifinals, the Cadets took Game 1 from Paul VI on Monday, 4-1, before the Panthers snapped their chance at an unbeaten record, besting St. John's, 4-3, on Tuesday. The Cadets eliminated Paul VI on Wednesday, 11-0, before taking Friday's Game 1 against Gonzaga by a 12-4 score.

In the end, the only motivation they felt they needed came from the logo on their chests.

"It's all about selflessness at the end of the day," Francis said. "Even in school, we do things a certain way. And we've been humbled before. Especially last year. But we just take things one day at a time. We're with our boys every single day. So there's no one who is above anyone else on this team."

WCAC SOFTBALL FINAL

Knights' Kutz sets aside jitters in win

O'CONNELL 5, ST. MARY'S RYKEN 2

Ace allows just three hits and strikes out 17

BY NOAH FERGUSON

Katie Kutz still gets nervous before games. No matter the opponent, O'Connell's ace said, she feels pregame jitters before she takes the pitching circle for the undefeated Knights.

Despite having pitched her team to victory in last year's Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association championships, Kutz again felt a flutter of anxiety on the way to George Mason University for this year's WCAC title game against St. Mary's Ryken despite having beaten the team twice in the regular season.

"I get nervous before every single game. Pitching is a very, very tough position," Kutz said. "It's like all eyes are on you every single pitch. . . . Before every game I always do my Bible study on the way to games; I always pray before games, and that usually helps."

Seventeen strikeouts later, those nerves had dissipated. Kutz again rose to the occasion in a high-pressure setting for O'Connell, allowing just three hits in a 5-2 complete-game victory.

The WCAC title was the Knights' 22nd in the past 28 seasons, and it avenged a 9-6 loss to Ryken in 2019, Kutz's freshman year.

Kutz wasted little time displaying her dominance. The Oklahoma State commit sat down nine of Ryken's first 10 batters, a feat the Knights are accustomed to seeing.

"She's a shutdown pitcher," O'Connell Coach Suzy Willemssen said. "So if we can get some runs, hopefully we'll come up on the top end."

With Kutz sizzling in the circle, the Knights (18-0) just had to supplement her. After reaching base on an error, sophomore Abby Bond scored on a wild pitch in the opening inning to the delight of the O'Connell bench.

Three more runs in the fourth inning — culminating with a sacrifice bunt by Emma Prykanowski that drew elation from Willemssen — and one more run in the fifth gave Kutz enough cushion to clinch the victory over Ryken (13-5). The Knights left the field with a large gold trophy in hand, the first part of their quest complete.

Now O'Connell wants to repeat as VISAA champion as well, and there's pressure to maintaining its dominance.

"Embracing the butterflies, embracing the emotion, embracing the intensity, that just means your body is preparing for battle," Willemssen said. "It's an opportunity we cherish, to have those feelings — I'd much rather have pressure than not. . . . It's an honor to be able to have that."

The Knights will begin the state tournament Tuesday against St. Gertrude. The VISAA championship game is scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m. in Dinwiddie.

IAC/MAC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Albans, Georgetown Day flourish

Attiogbe paces Bulldogs; Grasshoppers break school 4x100 record

BY IAN DECKER

As Pierre Attiogbe hoisted the Interstate Athletic Conference track and field championship cup Saturday, it was a culmination of a four-year career filled with what-ifs. Attiogbe, one of the area's top distance runners, lost his first two years to the pandemic and missed his junior season while recovering from an ankle injury.

But on Saturday in Potomac, the St. Albans star won the 800 meters, 1,600 and 4x800 relay and led the Bulldogs to their first IAC title since 2016.

"For this to be like my first real, full track experience and to be able to do it with this group of guys, it really means a lot because I've been with them all four years," Attiogbe said. "We've all worked hard for this, and we finally had an opportunity to all come together and really show what we got. And we made it worth it."

Attiogbe, a Cornell commit, accrued 38 of his team's 160 points as St. Albans outdistanced host Bullis (116) and Georgetown Prep (103). Coach Ted Findler credited his side's discipline for toppling local powerhouse Bullis, which had won four consecutive titles.

"The whole league is fantastic," Findler said. "And obviously Bullis has an incredible team. They're one of the best in the country, so to be able to compete with them at all, on any level, is really special. . . . You could just tell this was a unique year. The guys did it out there. They did all the work."

In the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference championships, also contested Saturday night at Bullis, Georgetown Day prevailed. The Grasshoppers, who were runners-up by just two points last year at this event, didn't want to spend another night in May watching another team celebrate.

"It is a very strong, very deep team," Coach Anthony Belber said. "And that makes me proud as a coach because it's never just about a few individuals."

Georgetown Day finished with 189 points, with Flint Hill (100) second and Sidwell (85) third. The Grasshoppers also broke the school's 4x100 relay record set in 2014 with a time of 43.21 seconds.

Heading into next year, Georgetown Day will retain a strong core that eased to the MAC championship. The junior class is led by the 4x100-winning team of Nathaniel Romine, Kovan Smith, Zachary Kovner and Nathaniel Mintzer, who Thursday broke a school record in the 100 prelims in 11.04 seconds.

"The little banner wouldn't mean anything; it's about, 'Do you know you had a great meet?' and our team had a great meet today," Belber said. "Every individual, every relay team, we just were off the charts with how well we performed."

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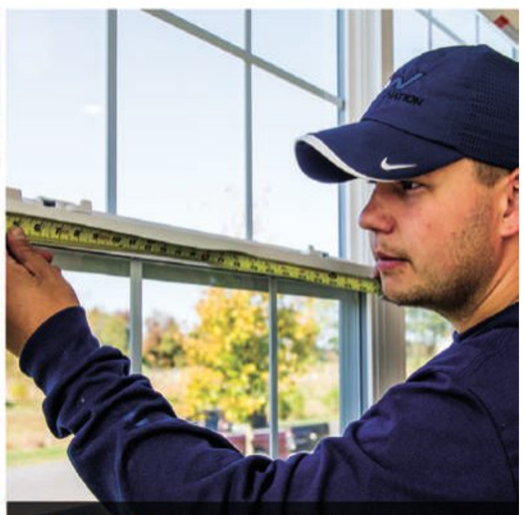

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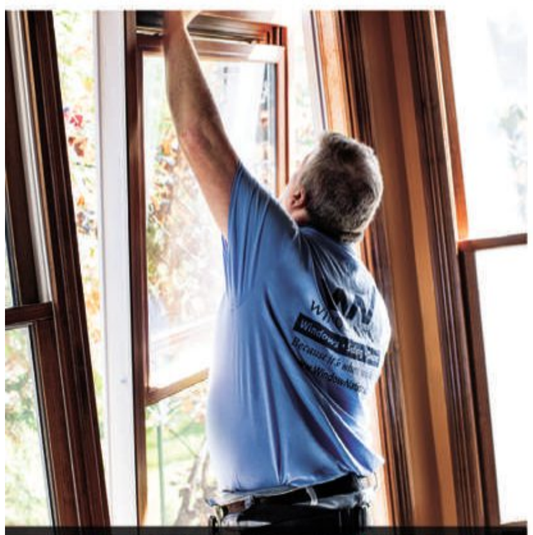

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